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Serious allegations 'must be resolved'

Speaker calls for inquiry into 'sleaze'

By Philip Webster and Andrew Pierce

THE Speaker yesterday increased the pressure on the Government over the cash-forquestions affair by demanding a full and speedy investigation into "very serious" allegations made against MPs and minis-ters since the collapse of Neil Hamilton's libel case against The Guardian.

Betty Boothroyd said that are reputation of the whole House had been called into question and she felt very strongly that the whole issue must be resolved quickly by an inquiry that was "as transparent as possible". Within 90 minutes, the

Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges was meeting to consider her request and to hear the parliamentary watchdog Sir Gordon Downey appeal for more staff and resources to carry out a wide-ranging inquiry that could take several months.

Miss Boothroyd took some Conservative MPs by surprise with her forthright remarks. Some were irritated that she chance of a limited inquiry and that her strong language would keep the issue in the public eye. Ministers had hoped that

any new inquiry would not

former government whip David Willetts had tried to influence an earlier parliamentary inquiry into the cash-for questions affair that led to Mr Hamilton's resignation as Trade Minister. But it was clear that Miss Boothroyd was

"D'you ever worry your kids might drift into politics?"

leaving it to the committee to decide the scope of the allega-Miss Boothroyd said that the standards communittee should make an early report to

the Commons so that full nature and scope of any investigation it undertakes include allegations that the may be made known". She

for family values By Our Political Editor

Blair leads crusade

TONY BLAIR yesterday reopened the battle for the moral high ground in politics with a pledge that the aim of every department in a Labour government would be to support family and community life.

-In a speech in South Africa he said that his dream of the decent society in Britain would the built on the values of a Strong family unit.

He defended the plans put forward by Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, for child curfews. He said parents had a responsibility to know where their children were and what they were doing. "I can see no reason at all for young ldren to be out on their own at night, and I can see many reasons why they should not be -- not least their öwn safety. We are examining

measures to tackle this. Some have called it curiew. I call it child protection."

Mr Blair denied that there was any comparison with John Major's "back to basics" campaign. "This is not some cry for a return to Victorian values but a call for a return to the basic decent values my generation grew up with but which have been eroded." Last night the Conservatives

hit back, saying that the speech was new rhetoric with policies firmly rooted on the tradition of the nanny state." Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, said it was "just a cover up for saying Labour will interfere in people's lives". It was "phoney Tony the TV evangelist".

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promised that "all necessary steps" would be taken to ensure that the committee and Sir Gordon had enough staff.

Miss Boothroyd's intervention came as both Labour and the Liberal Democrats were pressing for a wider inquiry. Both were also urging her to rule on whether Mr Willetts should be referred to Sir Gordon for allegedly trying to influence the Commons select committee on members' interests. Last night it appeared that the case of Mr Willetts' memorandum on a conversation with the former committee chairman Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, would be considered by the committee but not specifically by Sir Gordon. Sir Gordon has already

started work on a report for the committee on The Guardian's claims that Mr Hamilton accepted cash from the Harrods owner Mohamed Al Fayed for tabling parliamentary questions. Both Mr Hamilton and Ian Greer, the lobbyist said by the news-naner to have acted as Mr Al Fayed's intermediary, have expressed their willingness to appear before Sir Gordon.

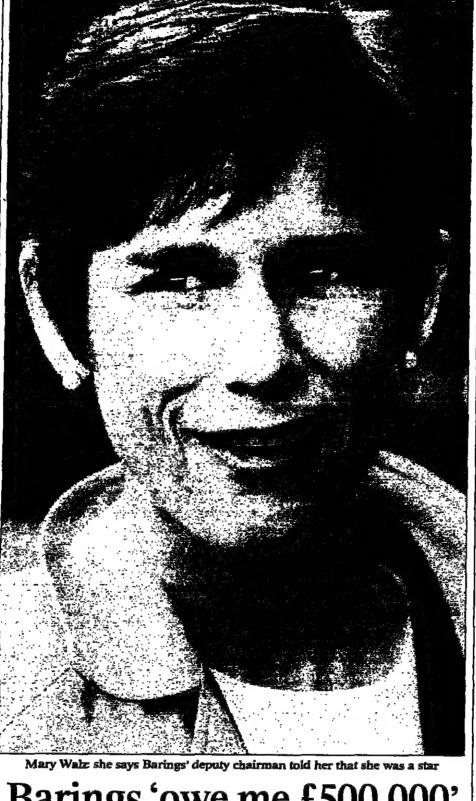
In her statement, Miss Boothroyd said: "While the House has been adjourned very serious allegations have been widely made about the conduct of a number of Members. Indeed, the reputation of the House as a whole has been called into question.

"As Speaker, I am bound to be concerned about that. It is not for me to make any kind of judgment on the merits of the complaints made. But I would not be doing my duty as Speaker if I allowed the situation to pass without saying that I believe very strongly that these matters must be

resolved as soon as possible. She added: "I will not allow allegations of misconduct to be made across the floor of the House. Wherever the complaints are heard, the members concerned are entitled to know precisely what it is they

have to answer.
The proceedings should be as transparent as possible so as to maintain public confidence. At the end the issues ought to be resolved by a decision of this House."

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Barings 'owe me £500,000'

By Adrian Lee

FORMER director of Barings bank claimed yesterday that she was entitled to a £500,000 bonus agreed the day before Nick Leeson brought the company down with losses of £860 million.

Mary Walz, who was ultimately dismissed and criticised by the Bank of England for failing to monitor Leeson's activities, said that Barings' deputy chairman had told her that she was a "star" and she believed that the bonus agree-

ment was "set in stone".

She is claiming that the refusal by ING, the Dutch company which rescued Barings, to pay the money was an unlawful deduction of her wages. ING says that the agreement was informal, had

not been approved at senior level and that since the bank collapsed the next day, there was no profit-sharing pool from which she could be paid.

Miss Walz, 36, of Butlers Wharf, central London, was global head of equity financial products and her responsibilities included the derivatives operation in which Leeson traded in Singapore. She joined Barings in 1992 at a salary of £80,000 plus a £160,000 bonus and the following year, her bonus rose to £300,000 on top of a £93,000 salary. On January 1, 1994, she became a director and was sent to Hong Kong to oversee the bank's Far East trading, an industrial tribunal in Strat-

ford, east London, was told.

the warming trend that began

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Miss Walz said that at llam on February 23 last year, she was called to see the deputy chairman, Andrew Tuckey, in his 18th-floor office at Barings' Bishopsgare headquarters. She said: "I knew it would be for the formal announcement of my bonus. He handed me a slip of paper containing my name and a figure of E500,000. It was the figure I expected to see. He said something like 'Mary what can I say? You are a star'. He very pleased. I thanked him."

Mr Tuckey had joked that she should "not spend it all in one place" and she replied that might spend it on a painting. There was no men-Continued on page 2, col 5

Mowlam meets Maze terrorists in attempt to save ceasefire

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

MO MOWLAM, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, last night tried to shore up the lovalist ceasefire by meeting 12 Protestant paramilitary mates at the Maze Prison.

Some of the most notorious terrorists from the Ulster Defence Association and the Ulster Volunteer Force told Ms Mowlam that their ceasefire would be maintained only if London and Dublin cracked down on the IRA. The prisoners, who included Michael Stone, the UDA triple murder-er, also called for loyalist inmates to be freed early as a reward for supporting the ceasefire in the face of renewed IRA terrorism. She also met Johnny Adair,

the first terrorist to be convicted under a new charge of directing terrorism when he was sentenced to 16 years in September last year. Today she will pass on the prisoners' concerns to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. Ms Mowlam, who was

praised by Conservative MPs ast night for her unprecedented meeting at the prison on the outskirts of Belfast, said she hoped her talks would underpin the loyalist ceasefire. She said: "I went to listen to their concerns and to tell them of the public support and emw ing respect for those loyalists who are working hard to maintain their ceasefire."

She added: "It has been tough for them to hold it. Every atrocity makes it harder for them . . . All I can do is to push this forward. I never cease to be impressed by the attitude of loyalists."

The names of Michael Stone and Johnny Adair are among the most notorious of loyalist terrorists. The pair were in-strumental in giving the Ul-ster Defence Association a reputation for brutal, coldblooded murder in the final years of its campaign before the 1994 ceasefire.

Stone entered loyalist folkore in 1988 when he am-bushed the funeral in West Belfast of three IRA terrorists who had been shot dead by the SAS in Gibraltar. Mourners at the Milltown Cemetery cowered in terror as Stone killed three mourners, includ-ing a member of the IRA. He said that he had intended to murder Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, the leaders of Sinn Fein. After Stone



of loyalist terrorists

was jailed for 30 years, Adair took over his mantle as Ulster's most brutal loyalist terrorist.

An agenda for the start of serious multi-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland was close to settlement last night after an important breakthrough.

As Sir Patrick pledged that republicans could not bomb their way to the negotiating table, David Trimble's Ulster Unionists and John Hume's SDLP agreed the agenda for the opening plenary session at Stormont.

The proposed agenda was put before the other parties for their approval.

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Dunblane report 'fails to back total handgun ban'

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LORD CULLEN is believed to have stepped back from calling for a total ban on handguns in his Dunblane massacre report, opting for less draconian controls.

Ministers were said to be "relaxed" about the 200-page report, which was delivered to the Government in the early hours yesterday. They are expected to agree at a Cabinet committee meeting this morning to go ahead instead with a ban on storing handguns at home. The compromise will anger campaigners in Dunblane who want a total ban.

children and a teacher at Dunblane Primary School in

March before killing himself. Tomorrow Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, who commissioned the inquiry, and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will publish the report and the government response. Laws to ban guns being kept at home are expected to be included in next week's Queen's Speech. The measures are expected to get through the Commons easily as they are backed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats.

Officials from the Scottish

Office, the Home Office and

as Hamilton shot dead 16 Downing Street yesterday discussed the report's recommendations and any implications of even a partial ban.

One problem that could arise from a ban on guns at home is a wave of compensation claims. Although the Government fought these bitterly after the Hungerford massacre, they had to pay out £600,000. A total handgun ban has been estimated to mean a £140 million bill. Ministers are expected to

recommend a tighter security regime and stricter licensing

first time in ten to 15 years.

During most years, there is low pressure over Iceland and a high over the Azores in the winter months. It means that westerly winds dominate Gun club fears, page 10 blowing over the British Isles

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT A SHARP cooling of the planet and into northern Europe and occurred this year, reversing Russia

Earth cooling off

after climate flip

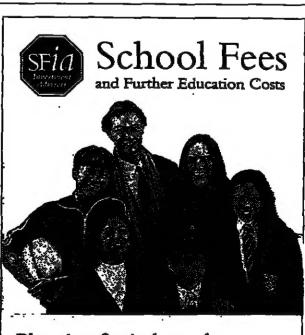
But this year there was a "flip" similar to the famous freezing winter of 1963, with a high between Scotland and iceland and low in the Azores leading to casterly winds sweeping in from Siberia and the Arctic. These led to freezing Siberian winds blasting most of Canada and northern Europe, including Britain over Christmas and during

the early part of the year. This year will be 0.2 to 0.15 degrees C cooler than 1995, the hottest year on record, and 1990, the second hottest.

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Cereal stalker fails to dish Bottomley

"I'M only too easy to meet," cried Virginia Boltomley to a crowd of startled MPs, regathered after the summer recess yesterday, "in any num-

What could the fragrant Mrs Bottomley mean? What settings did she have in mind? Parascending? Boating on the Serpentine? Call me uninventive, but a cup of tea in her office would surely do.

The Heritage Secretary had been goaded into this surprising offer by her Labour Shadow. John Cunningham. At Questions yesterday, he asked her to confirm that for £500 one could have joined Mrs Bottomley at breakfast during her party's conference last week at Bournemouth. "Is Cunningham was taking something of a liberty with these reports.

It seems Tories with funds to spare were being invited to sponsor the breakfast, but those with no more than loose change to offer were still permitted to approach the great lady at the muesli bar. Still. Cunningham decided to take a crack, and who can blame him?

Unable to decide whether to be indignant or dismissive, Mrs B decided to be coquettish. So cheery a picture did she paint of her approachability'at breakfast, at tea-time or at any other time, that one wondered where she finds any time at all to be Heritage



Secretary. This merry informality she contrasted with the "El.000 Labour charge for nosh-ups with Tony Blair in Park Lane".

It seems an odd reversal of the old certainties, much in keeping with John Major's attacks on the old school tie brigade on Labour's front bench. Time was when a Tory would have boasted how expensive they were to dine with, not how cheap. When Tam Dalyell returned to the subject minutes later, Mrs Bottomley went further. For

most breakfasters at Bournemouth, she insisted, "it cost

only £7.50" to join her. And there was more. "I am available at virtually every major tourist event."

Really? The Changing of the Guards and Mrs Bottomley? Bottomley at Stonehenge? Bottomley among the Crown Jewels? Bottomley at the Zoo? At your picnic at Henley? Leading the donkey rides at Cleethorpes? There can only be one logical conclusion to Mrs Bottomley's dash for crowd appeal.

Can Mystic Meg's contract with the BBC be safe for much longer?

MPs had reconvened yesterday to be told of the death of Terry Patchett. They knew already, of course, but by custom these announcements are made immediately after prayers and before the business of the day. "I regret to have to report to the House the death of Terry Patchett." said Betty Boothroyd, in a tone respectful but perfectly matter-of-fact, "the Member for Barnsley East." And, after a terse message of condolence, that was that. The

House moved on. In The Literary Companion to Parliament, an anthology shortly to be published by

Christopher Silvester, quotes Norman Shrapnel, the Manchester Guardian's great sketchwriter, on 8 July 1960." I regret to have to inform the House,' the Speaker told the Commons when it met yesterday, of the death of the Right Honourable Aneurin Bevan, the Member

for Ebbw Vale." It was, writes Shrapnel, "a frequent sort of announcement, usually applying to some devoted backbencher of whom the public has scarcely heard." Its very informality. he adds. its unvarying manner and timing, serve as acknowledgement that all men are equal at this point in their career".

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Hospital doctor dies of Aids-related illness

A young anaesthetist who took part in hundreds of operations over four years has died of an Aids-related illness. Wigan and Leigh Health Services NHS Trust said that although he helped surgeons to administer drugs using a syringe there was no risk of his blood passing to patients.

The doctor, who came to Britain from the Indian sub-continent, worked at Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Leigh Infirmary and Billinge Hospital. Before that he worked in Yorkshire, Humberside and Kent. He told his employers that he had Aids only last Wednesday, two days before his death.

Hague escapes by helicopter

The Welsh Secretary, William Hague, was rescued by helicopter when 100 farmers protesting against the Government's handling of BSE used tractors, muck-spreaders and other machinery to blockade roads at Crymych, Dyfed. Mr Hague, who was visiting a school, was taken by police helicopter to his next engagement, at Cardigan.

Two die as new road opens

Two people died in a crash on a new dual carriageway three hours after it was opened by the Transport Minister John Watts. A tanker, a saloon car and a mini-bus collided on the A249 Sheppey link road near Sittingbourne, Kent. The road cost £35 million to build and workers had just finished removing barriers when the accident happened.

Ouinlivan detained by police

Nessan Quinlivan, the IRA terrorist who escaped from Brixton Prison in 1991, was arrested in the Irish Republic yesterday. Quinlivan, 31, was detained with another man in Limerick City under the Offences Against the State Act. He can be held for 48 hours without charge. Quinlivan is currently on bail awaiting an appeal against extradition to Britain.

LSE rejects higher fees

A plan to charge students at the London School of Economics up to £1,500 in course fees has been abandoned by the governors, who want more time to consider how "top-up" fees would affect those from low-income backgrounds. The LSE. has also decided not to charge a £300 entry levy in 1997 if cuts in funding are not restored.

Runaway girl sought by police

A man has disappeared with his landlady's ten-year-old daughter after offering to take her for a walk. Paul Husbands, 51, is thought to have planned to run away with Ann-Marie Radbourne after taking extra clothing from her home in Paignton. Devon, where he had lodged for two months. He was last seen leaving the house with her at 11.30am on Sunday. Police are appealing for him to contact them.



Guerin police claim progress

Police investigating the murder of crime journalist Veronica Guerin in Dublin said they have seized more than 100 guns, broken up three criminal gangs, seized £500,000 in cash and cannabis worth £600,000 since the shooting in June. Detectives said the killing is not thought to have been carried out by contract killers, as first believed, but by gunmen acting on the orders of a known crime boss.

Dangerous double killer on run

A double killer was still on the run last night after absconding last month from an open prison where he was being prepared for release. David Burgess, 49, walked out of Leyhill open prison near Bristol where he was being detained for the murder of two nine-year-old girls in 1967. Police it Avon and Somerset described him as dangerous.

MPs to congratulate Damon Hill

MPs will be asked today to sign an early day motion tabled by the Labour MP Richard Burden to congratulate Damon Hill and his team on winning the Formula One World Championship. More than 1.5 million viewers got up before 4.45am on Sunday to watch the BBC's live broadcast of Hill's victory in the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka.

Critics dismiss proposed safeguards for independence as inadequate

FO backs Birt plans for World Service

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

BBC World Service was broadly endorsed by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secre-tary, last night in the face of widespread criticism of the reforms.

An independent report into the changes urged Mr Birt, the BBC Director-General, to introduce various safeguards to protect the World Service but did not oppose the main proposals to merge the service with other BBC news departments. Mr Birt faced widespreud criticism from senior World Service managers and MPs after he announced radical restructuring to cut costs. Under the plans. English language programmes, which make up one-fifth of the output, are to be commissioned



Birt put forward

JOHN BIRT'S shake-up of the from BBC Productions or independent producers, while news is to be commissioned from BBC News.

Critics have claimed that the changes would "rip the heart out of the World Service". But yesterday Mr Rifkind met Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC, to agree that the reforms should go ahead with saleguards to ensure the service's future independence. Last night opponents of the

restructuring said the measures were too weak. Stephen Parker, of Save the World Service, said: "The actual ethos, the fundamental factor that makes the World Service so distinctive, will be lost. "That is very much based

upon the people here at Bush House and they will be lost because a sizeable number will be working in other parts

John Tusa, the former head of the World Service and a staunch opponent of the plans. was also said to be disappointed at the compromise.

But Mr Birt said: "The process has strengthened the World Service, helped safeguard the quality and ethos of a service we all value."

Sir Christopher added: "We welcome the clear and explicit safeguards contained in the working group's report; we foundation for the detailed planning and implementation of the reoganisation process." Mr Birt faced a formidable



The World Service will leave Bush House, under plans endorsed by Malcolm Rifkind yesterday

protest campaign involving prominent public figures, over his plans. He said the news operations of the World Service and the domestic BBC would be merged under one; roof. The World Service would move from its historic home Bush House to be produced from the BBC's television headquarters in west London. in a move which would save money and improve the service. Critics said it spelt the

end of the World Service's editorial independence. Although the report by the working group set up in the wake of the furore insists that the World Service should be a dedicated .unit, it does not oppose a merger. Foreign Office sources acknowledged that the World Service staff would move to White City

from Bush House but said they would operate as a sepa-

The report says the main priority must be to keep together the team producing English World Service news current affairs proeign languages. Although the authors of the report recognised that there might be a period when the two sections were separated as staff moved to a new headquarters, they emphasised that the period

should be kept to a minimum. Campaigners said last night there had been no significant changes to Mr Birt's plans. "We have still to be convinced. There is still a lot of concern." said one BBC insider.

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Tusa calls for TV news to show reality of war

THE "ghastly reality" of war freelance or not, to say that former head of the BBC World Service said yesterday. John Tusa also said the news networks must avoid "a pornography of violence".

Speaking at an awards ceremony for freelance cameramen, Mr Tusa said: "Bloodstains on the ground or a small crater are wholly inadequate substitutes for the actuality of multiple killings. It is an evasion to say that they are and a misuse of the

He went on: "We must

avoid a pornography of violence, where networks start to compete with one another in the amount of gore they show. But when some viewers complain about violence on the news. when it is an essential part of the knowledge needed to assess what is happening. I believe the only answer is to say. 'I'm sorry. we will not censor the ghastly reality, for that is the only way that you the voters, the citizens, can be properly in-formed about the world."

bravery of camera crews and journalists, whether they are Barings 'star' claims £500,000 Baldry squares up for fight with

EU over Spanish 'quota hopping' IN LUXEMBOURG

EUROPE'S fishing ministers yesterday rejected a call by Brussels for a 40 per cent cut in the fish catch but Britain set the scene for a fight with the rest of the union over "ouorahopping" Spanish trawlers.

Bombarded with criticism by ministers, Emma Bonino, the Fisheries Commissioner, edged away from her insistence last spring on a fierce cut in the fishing fleet. Officials said the Commission could accept a reduction in flect of about 15 per cent provided measures were in place to

the catch over six years, especially of endangered stocks. such as cod, haddock and sardines. Philippe Vasseur. the French Agriculture Minister, said he believed the ministers would eventually settle by the end of the year on a 10 per cent reduction in the fleet with measures to ensure

conservation. Britain staked out ground for conflict by saying it refused to contemplate any reduction in fleet capacity until the EU barred quota-hopping, the practice under which Spanish vessels have bought rights to fish from British quotas. The

British appeal against the practice and London is insisting on reversing the law with a protocol in the revised Maastricht treaty, now under negotiation. Tony Baldry, the Fisheries Minister, told the other ministers that it was "crazy" that Spanish vessels should be taking a fifth of Britain's allowed catch.

He became involved in a testy exchange with Loyola de Palacio, the Spanish minister. after she interrupted him to reject the suggestion that Spanish vessels were involved in "piracy". Britain's insistance on quotas jarred

movement of goods and capital in the European Single Market, she said.

Since the European treaty negotiations will not end until next June at the earliest, Britain is likely to be out-voted over fishing capacity as early as December. The new fishing programme, to run from 1997 determined by qualified majority vote, a system that

gives Britain no veto power. Mr Baldry insisted that Britain would not disobey the law but did not explain how it could still refuse "to contemplate" any reduction in its Continued from page ! tion of the award being provisional or requiring any further approval." The next day, Leeson's losses were uncovered and Miss Walz was subsequently told that the bonus would not be paid.

Miss Walz was held to be partly to blame for Leeson's actions, and on May I she was summoned to the 20th floor and presented with two letters: one of resignation, the other of dismissal. She said she chose to be fired because there was no financial inducement to resign.

Miss Walz said that she understood her annual bonus was guaranteed, whatever the company's performance. It was not feasible that Mr Tuckey would have communicated the bonus figure to her if it were provisional. "Mr Tuckey was simply the boss."

Anthony Sendall, for Miss Walz, said that the bonus was due to be paid in two tranches - £20,000 and £480,000 - for tax reasons. By offering her the bonus, or

at least the expectation of one, Barings had entered into a contract. "We say that notification took place on 23rd February 1995. "We say the bonus then became contractual."

Bonuses were entirely expected by Barings' staff and were frequently many times higher than the basic salary; in 1993 the company's "bonus pool" for all its employees was almost £106m, roughly half the profits.

Mr Nicholas Underhill, QC, for ING

Barings, said that it was preposterous that anyone in Miss Walz's position should expect a bonus for a year in which the company suffered huge losses.

"This is a surprising claim. What is surprising is that Barings' global head of equity financial products can claim to be entitled to receive a bonus in respect of a period in which Barings' derivatives division in Singapore had made catastrophic losses that drove the bank into insolvency. It would be surprising if she

stances whether or not she was culpable." tion of the award being provisional or

requiring any further approval." Mr Underhill thought there could be no dispute that she had "some responsibility" for Leeson, even if not in every respect. "It was the evening following Miss Walz's being given her slip of paper that the balloon went up." But that was a side issue. "It is quite incredible she could have a legitimate expectation of payment of bonus at that time. There are serious

criticisms of her conduct." She had not, however, been singled 1,1 in having her bonus refused. No other Barings employee was given a bonus under the company profit-share scheme that year. Some employees, not tainted by the scandal and retained by ING, were given a different sort of bonus from ING funds as a form of "handcuffs" to ensure that they stayed with the bank.

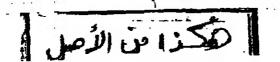
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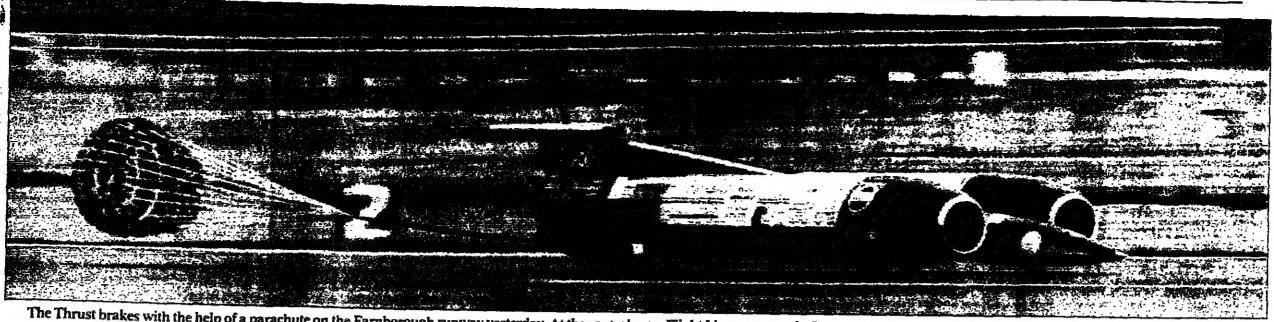
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Tornado fighter pilot enjoys the ride as Britain's Thrust blasts from 0 to 200mph in a few seconds



The Thrust brakes with the help of a parachute on the Farnborough runway yesterday. At the controls was Flight Lieutenant Andy Green, below, who usually pilots a Tornado jet Picture by CHRIS HARRIS

Rocket car cleared for take-off on way to drive speed record through sound barrier

BY ALAN CUPPN

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THE British car designed to push the land-speed record beyond the sound barrier reached 200 miles an hour on the runway at Farnborough airfield yesterday as its team prepared to set off for full scale testing in the Jordanian

powered by twin Rolls-Royce jet engines, took just a few seconds to reach the maximum speed permitted along the runway at the Defence Engineering and Re-

search Agency in Hampshire. It was driven by Flight Lieutenant Andy Green, the RAF Tornapilot selected to make the

record of 633mph held by Richard Noble, the director of the Thrust

Flight Lieutenant Green said series of test runs on the 8,000ft Farnborough runway had demonstrated the car's stability and that it had proved surprisingly easy to drive. The stability is controlled hydraulic systems. Although the timing of the

record attempt has now slipped by more than a year from its original schedule. Mr Noble said he was confident the car would be ready to break his existing record at a subsonic speed of around 650mph

The attempt on the speed of sound, 750mph, is now expected to take place early next year in the Black Rock Desert, Nevada. Mr Noble admitted that the

Thrust project faced a formidable rival in Craig Breedlove, the veteran American record-breaker, who has just completed test runs at 400mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats in his latest car, Spirit of America, also designed to break the sound barrier. He is now expected to move to the Blackrock speed as soon as possible

The Jordanian test site offered a harder and more consistent sur

than the American track, said Mi Noble. But maximum speed was limited because at 10.2 miles the Al-Jafr track is shorter than Blackrock. Breedlove is expected to need at least 14 miles in his

Yesterday's test was the last public appearance of Thrust SSC in Britain before the car and its supporting equipment is packed aircraft for the flight to Jordan. The car will first have to be transported by road to Stansted airport in Essex because the fully aden Antonov could not take off from Farnborough.



Olympic bobsleigh driver given life ban for using steroids

SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

MARK TOUT, Britain's Olympic bobsleigh driver, has been banned from the sport anabolic steroids. Tout, 35, a former corporal

in the Royal Tank Regiment, has become the first British competitor in any Winter Olympics sport to test positive for drugs. He has been hanned for taking stanozolol. the anabolic steroid that the anadian sprinter Ben Johnson was using when he was stripped of the world record and Olympic 100 metres title in Seoul in 1988.

Tour, from London, had been training to take part in the 1988 Games in Nagano. They would have been his fifth winter Olympics, something no other Briton has achieved. He was the driver of both the four-man and two-man bob. which finished fifth and sixth respectively at the 1994 Garnes in Lillehammer. It was his ambition to end his career with an Olympic medal.

Tout was caught after a random out-of-competition test last month in Britain. supervised by sampling officers of the Sports Council. He said yesterday: I felt I wouldn't be caught, otherwise I wouldn't have done it. I will



Tout believed that he would not be caught

not be appealing against the decision. I have to pick myself up again and throw myself into survival."

Speaking on BBC radio he said: "I completely regret doing it. I have seen what has happened to other people and their careers. I would not want anybody to feel how I feel at the moment. At the same time I am not blind. I am an educated adult. I see what goes on in the world and I see what goes on in sport in general. You have to take your

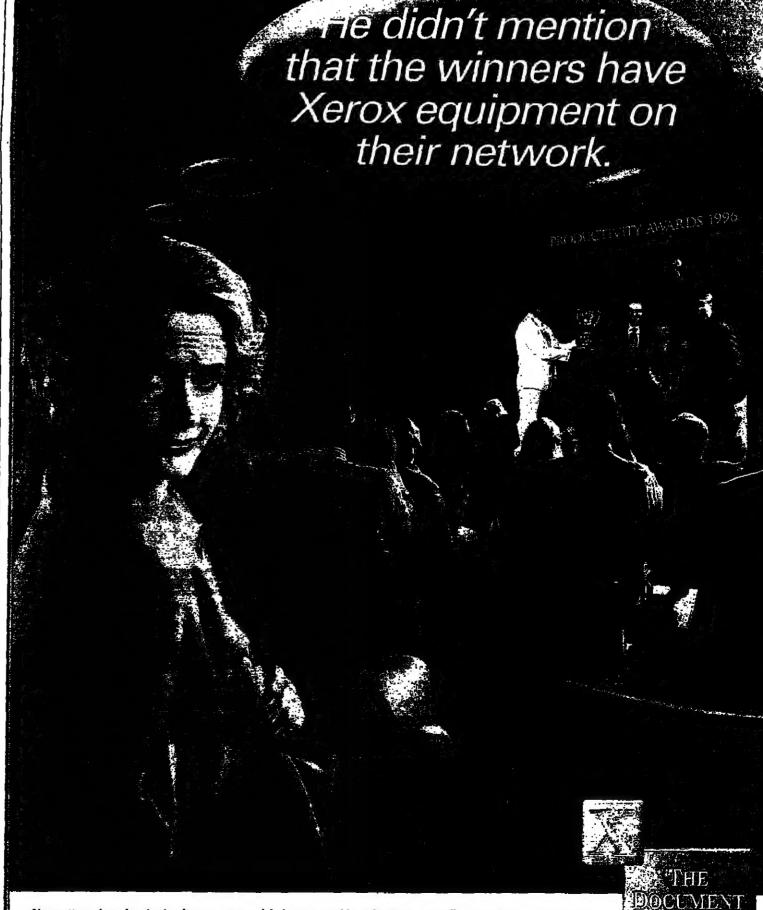
wn view on that. "I feel like I have failed, I have come a long way in the sport and we have worked very, very hard to achieve that.

making a silly mistake and personally I feel that I have failed because I have come so close and now won't get the chance to complete

The British Bobslei ciation's regulation of a lifeban is among the harshest in British sport Most governing bodies have only a four-year ban for a first offence, even for a serious case such as anabolic steroids, the hormone drugs that help competitors to build muscle and recover more quickly from intensive exercise. Bobsleigh has been domi-

nated in Britain by members of the Armed Forces. They have the time for hours of weight-training to develop the power to push the bob as fast as possible and for the months of practice in countries such as Switzerland. Austria and France. Britain does not have

a bobsleigh run.
Johnny Woodall, a former
British champion and Army
major, said: "I am totally
amazed by the news. Tout has had enough negative tests for this to be the most extraordinary bolt out of the blue. Maybe he was feeling as he gets older that his perfor-mance was suffering and he needed to do something to boost it. But I cannot believe it had been going on very long.



Provost resigns over new battle of Flodden

BY IAN MURRAY COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

A CAMPAIGN by two women To take part in a male-domi-Enated ceremony dating back to the Scottish defeat at Flodden ain 1513 led a council leader to resign yesterday.
Tom Hogg stepped down as

provost of the Scottish border own of Hawick rather than fight the women in the sexual discrimination case which they are bringing. The Equal Opportunites Commission is gidue to decide next week whether it will back the women's Ecase, but has already told them that it has sympathy for Treit cause.

Mr Hogg said yesterday in a letter of resignation that he was facing an unprecedented situation with which none of his predecessors had been -forced to grapple.

I have a deep belief in the traditions and customs from Which Hawick has grown, and



Women at war: Miss Simpson, left, and Ms Graham

I cannot and will not betray these now," he wrote in his letter of resignation. God knows that I've tried every minute of these last six months to resolve the issue that's tearing my town apart, but it remains unresolved."

As provost, Mr Hogg, 50, was in charge of the town's Common Riding festival, a series of 16 rides in June to commemorate a successful charge by boys of the town against a camp of English soldiers after the battle of Flodden. That ride is believed to have saved Hawick from being sacked and an annual festival has been held around the date to commemorate the event. Only men, however, have been allowed to take part other than for a short period between 1926 and 1931, when a number of women were

allowed to join in by special

invitation. No invitations were issued after that because one of the women taking part fell off, broke a leg and delayed the proceedings.

This year, however, Ashley

Simpson and Mandy Graham, two horseriding enthusiasts from the town, decided to take part. "It was something I have always wanted to do," Miss Simpson, 23, said yesterday. "We were showered with abuse as we rode out, being called 'scum' and 'whore'. I have had a pint of beer tipped over me in a pub since then. But I think that this is a celebration for the whole town and not just for men. It is my history as much as theirs. I am not a feminist. I just want to participate."

However, Frank Scott, secretary of the Common Riding, said: "If women took part would spoil everything."

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Film about IRA leader stumbles at **US** opening

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A FILM that stops just short of giorifying the birth of guerilla warfare in Ireland has had a dismal opening weekend in America, thanks to bored reviews and dubious claims to authenticity.

The three-hour Michael Collins, billed by Warner Brothers as a definitive epic on one of the IRA's founders, barely registered at the box office. In spite of months of publicity it took in little more than \$1 million nationwide and was trounced by a children's film about ice hockey, among other new releases.

Critics decried the film as action-packed but bland and unequal to its potent theme.
"It is a short distance between the classic and the cliched and Michael Collins crosses it in record time," the New York Daily News declared. USA Today complained that the film "flails between two

The Irish director Neil Jordan had delivered "a fan-tasia on historical themes" instead of "rigorous and nuanced honesty", Time maga-zine concluded.



Liam Neeson in Michael Collins, which opened in the US at the weekend

Bosnia peace hero criticised as too political

General Rose could be outflanked for top post

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

officer in the Army could be beaten to its top post of Chief of the General Staff in a string of Defence Ministry appointments to be announced next

General Sir Michael Rose. 56, the Adjutant General and probably Britain's best known army commander after a distinguished career in the SAS. is viewed by some in the MoD as the obvious choice for the army's most senior appoint-

However, General Sir Roger Wheeler, 54, who commands three quarters of the Army, is now considered to be the favourite to take the top job, which is expected to become vacant early next year. As Adjutant General, General Rose fills the No. 2 slot among military members of the Army Board. General Wheeler is lower down the pecking order.

The apparent rivalry for the most senior post between General Rose and General Wheeler has arisen because of the widespread expectation

THE SECOND most senior inside the MoD that General Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the General Staff, is to be promoted to the overall top Services' job of Chief of the Defence Staff.

The present Chief of the Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, is due to retire early next year. General Guthrie and Admiral Sir Jock Slater, the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, are the only names on the shortlist to be the next Chief of the Defence Staff.

The Navy has been vigorously promoting Admiral Slater for the top military appointment, underlining not only his own credentials but also the quality of the candidates to replace him as First Sea Lord. One of the names put forward was Admiral Sir Hugo White, Governor of

However, in recent weeks. General Guthrie has emerged as the favoured candidate. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, is understood to have recommended the army man to replace Field Marshal



Rose: reputation for inspired leadership

Inge. The prospect of having another general as Chief of the Defence Staff instead of an admiral has caused concern in

If General Guthrie is confirmed by No 10 and Buckingham Palace as the next Chief of the Defence Staff, General Rose would normally be expected to move up to be No I in the Army.

Some in the MoD are cautioning against his ap-

he might be too "political". When General Rose was commander of the United Nations: peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1994, he adopted a high-profile pos-ition which made him enemies at UN headquarters, although he was always publicly supported by the Government in:

London. General Rose, who has a reputation for inspirational leadership, commanded 22 SAS from 1979 to 1982 and was commander of the regiment in the Falklands during the 1982 conflict with Argentina. He has also been Director Special Forces and commander of 39 Infantry Brigade in Northern

General Wheeler, a member of an established military family, is Commander-in-Chief Land Command, responsible for the fighting element of the Army - about 67,500 troops. He took up the appointment in March after three years as General Officer Commanding, Northern Ire-land. His first commission was into his father's regiment. The Royal Ulster Rifles.

CSA introduces new criteria to payment rules

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

NEW rules on working out for Administration, was that Child Support Agency payments were announced last night by the Department of Social Security. In future any parent incurring travel expenses to see a child will have the amount offset against their income before CSA maintenance is assessed.

The rules will also apply to cases in which a partner has received a "clean break" settlement on divorce and those in which parents are concealing their true incomes.

Andrew Mitchell, the Social

Security Minister, also accept-ed the shortcomings of the agency as outlined in a report by the government Ombudsman. He said they were mainly cases from the early days of the agency, when clients did not get the level of service they had every right to expect. However, changes such as

an independent complaints examiner, better compensation arrangements and more efficient systems were helping to produce radical improvements to the CSA.

Among the cases highlighted by Sir William Reid, the Parliamentary Commissioner

of a woman threatened by her former husband after the CSA mistakenly sent him a note containing information she had supplied.

The breach of confidence so

alarmed the Ombudsman that he proposed to raise the incident with Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, unless the CSA gave her cash compensation. Initially the agency rejected any compensation and told Sir William that rules on special payments did not cover such "intangibles as worry and distress" Eventually it offered £250.

Over £6,000 was paid out in other cases investigated by the Ombudsman, who said ye terday: "Complaints against the CSA continue to form a disproportionate part of my

Most problems concerned errors and delays in dealing with applications from wom for child-support maintenance. In one case, the CSA was so slow that the father in question had been made redundant by the time it was ready to assess his maintenance payments.

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Warning over fruit drink additives by food watchdog

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORLESPONDENT

FRUIT-FLAVOURED bottled spring water contains a mix of potentially dangerous chemicals and is often loaded with sugar, the Food Commission claims today. It says that some are produced with low-cost additives and that manufacturers exploit an unjustified image of purity to push prices as high as £2.80 a litre.

Research into 24 brands published in Food Magazine shows that many of the most popular brands contain preservatives, colourings, artifi-cial sweeteners and other additives. The commission says this makes a mockery of claims of purity on labels.

lan Tokelove, its spokes-

man, said: "People with asthma are drinking some of these products and wondering why they are short of breath. The labels describe the drinks as spring water with a hint of flavouring, but this is not making clear that they are full of artificial chemicals."

Unlike mineral water, spring water has no legal definition and is usually obtained from bore holes into ensured the purity of the underground reservoirs. The source. "We add nothing

addition of flavourings means it technically becomes a soft drink, making it legal to use chemicals including artificial sweeteners such as aspartame, which costs just 0.16p to flavour two litres of liquid, against 12p for sugar.

Where real sugar is used, the amounts are high. Sainsbury's tangerine flavoured Crystal Spa was found to contain more than a Coca-Cola and a 250ml carton of Ribena Spring had the equivalent of seven lumps. The British Dental Association said spring water drinks containing sugar increased the risk of tooth decay.

More serious, according to the magazine, is the use of the preservative sodium benzoate in half the products tested. which some research suggests may caus: breathlessness and trigger hyperactivity, even though it has been approved by the European Union.

Christine Milburn, of the British Soft Drinks Association, said members were bound by regulations which

which has not been tested and approved by all 15 member states of the EU."

An EU directive passed last July means that manufacturers have to list all additives on the label, but it will be next summer before this comes fully into force. SmithKline Beecham, manufacturer of Ribena, said: "We use real sugar rather than artificial sweetners because that is

Marks & Spencer adds aspartame and sodium benzo-ate. These are both on the approved list of additives," a esman said. Sainsbury's said all the products tested by the commission were "de-signed to be refreshing". Company policy was to provide as much information as possible to customers. The company was now reviewing soft drinks labels and would add "with sweetener" to them where

Tesco denied that its labelling was misleading. Its water was from a 100 per cent natural source flavoured with natural fruit juices and there

Water companies say six new reservoirs are needed

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

SIX new reservoirs will be needed in east and southe st England to ensure water supplies into the next century as demand rises because of global warming and an increase in single households, water companies in England and Wales said vesterday.

Their warning was issued in advance of a government report on water resources into the 21st century, due today. The report will outline the threat to rivers, wetlands and other nature sites if too much is taken for supplies.

The Department of the Environment says that demand Yorkshire Water, criticised for its handling of last summer's drought, is to lift all restrictions on water use

popularity of gardening and a projected growth in new households to more than four million, as well as rising temperatures and more frequent droughts.

Professor Paul Harrington of Loughborough University, who compiled the report, predicted that domestic consumption for appliances and gardening would rise by 36 per cent by 2021, and 41 per cent if there is significant global warming.

Brian Duckworth, manag-

ing director of Severn Trent and spokesman for the Water Services Association, which represents nine of the ten big companies, said domestic consumers would not accept more rationing so action had to be aken now for the future.

He said that there "was a requirement for at least six new reservoirs to ensure an adequate margin of safety. They will be destined for the East and South East." Two have already been proposed in Oxfordshire and Kent.

The Environment Agency has urged the companies to tackle leaks and demand management before it will consider backing development of new, and potentially environmendamaging. resources



underwent pioneering surgery in May to rectify an irregular heartheat

Princess praises 'miracles' of heart surgeons

BY EMMA WILKINS

DIANA, Princess of Wales praised the "miracles" per-formed by heart specialists and the courage of their

patients yesterday.
The Princess was helping to raise money for research into heart and lung disease with the help of Danielle Stephenson, from Southend, Essex. The girl is among dezens of heart patients the Princess has visited regularly at the Royal Brompton Hospital in west London.

At a reception in aid of the Heart of Britain charity, the Princess said she was "fascinated by the workings of the heart". In the foreword to a book of photographs aimed at raising money for the charity, the Princess wrote: "I have been privileged to see for myself the miracles — at the very leading edge of medicine today - performed by the teams of surgeons. doctors and nurses at Royal Brompton Hospital, whose dedication saves so many

"I have been profoundly impressed too to see how bravely patients cope—and have been particularly touched by the courage and trust shown by Britain's little people - our children. All need our compassion, our ieve and our support at what is often their darkest bour."

Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, the joint president of Heart of Britain who invited the Princess to attend an operation at Harefield Hos-pital in April, praised ber inspirational" care and compassion at the reception at Harrods, which was hosted by the store's chairman, Mohamed Al Fayed. The charity book contains 300 photographs showing scenes of modern life, submitted to a competition by amateur pho pleers. It costs E19.99, with all profits going to the

Danielle became one of the first children in Britain to undergo new treatment in May this year to burn away ormal electrical pathways inside her heart that were causing an irregular



Yates gets bail in drug case

presenter, has been released on police bail until December while investigations continue into the alleged discovery of opium at her home. Miss Yates, 36, former wife of Bob Geldof, was arrested when she went to Chelsea police station. She is said to have maintained that any drugs found at the home she shares with the rock singer Michael Hutchence must have been planted.

Aids man named

A hospital anaesthetist who died of an Aids-related virus, prompting hundreds of inquiries from worried patients, has been named as Gopinathan Manchar, Mr Manchar, married with a three-year-old son. was a registrar anaesthetist at the Royal Albert Edward Hospital in Wigan.

Eco' evictions

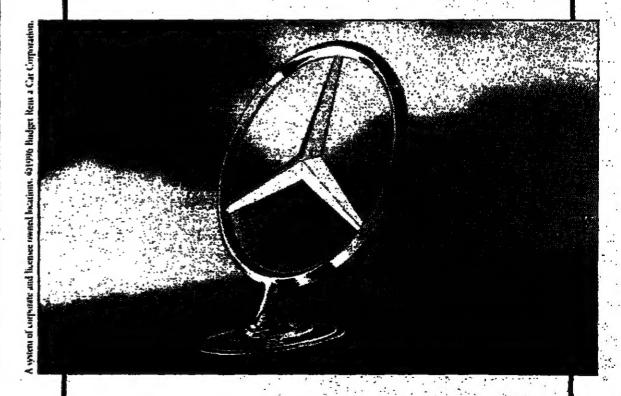
Bailiffs evicted more than 50 protesters who had barricaded themselves into a self-styled eco-village set up on a 13-acre site beside the Thames in Wandsworth, southwest London, on derelict land owned by Guinness. One protester was

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A report a Call for curb on stage hypothesis (September 23), failed to make clear that Philip Green was not the hypnotist in the stage act in which Sharon Tabarn was involved, and was not connected in any way with her subsequent death. We applogise to Mr Green and his family.

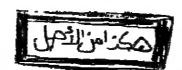


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Voyage through time: Richard Grimble with the yacht be has painstakingly restored after dragging it from the mud 21 years ago, below

How a Victorian beauty rose from a muddy grave

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A BOAT enthusiast who, 21 years ago, dug out a derelict Victorian yacht from the mud of an Essex estuary with his bare hands has been told that the vessel could now be worth more than El million.

Richard Grimble, 58, bought the crumbling re-Sorceress for El,000 in 1975 and has spent much of his time since rebuilding and relitting her in every detail.

Sorceress began life as a gentleman's yacht in 1878 and during the following half century had 15 owners, all wealthy and mostly titled. She appeared at Cowes and Edward VII and the future George V are believed to have been among those who were entertained on board.

acquired by the Earl of Mac-



Edward VII was among guests on the Sorceress

clesfield her golden days faded. The earl used the boat infrequently and eventually decided to retire her to a mud berth on the Colne estuary at Wivenboe, where she mained, sinking into the mire, from 1928 until 1975.

Mr Grimble, a violin restorer from Rainham in Kent, found the yacht through an advertisement in Exchange & Mart. He said yesterday: "I had been look-ing for a boat for a long time. This was a bit bigger than ! wanted, but it was beautiful and at £1,000 cheap compared to others I had looked

"We waded out waist-high in mud to dig the boat out with our bare hands. The locals thought it pretty amus-ing, but they grew quite fond of us when they saw the effort

A channel to the river was one high tide Sorceress slipped clear. Her deck and hull were largely unaffected by long burial in the saltings but everything inside had rotted away. The boat was taken to Mr Grimble's workshop, where he brought to its restoration the meticulous attention to detail that be applies to his work on musi-

Inlays and veneers have been restored to Victorian designs, and metalwork no longer in production has been commissioned from specialists or made by Mr Grimble himself. He has

restored every detail of the interior to its Victorian design, installing subtle light-ing plumped furnishings and a genuine Victorian

The result is a vessel with all the sumptuous grace and elegance of the kind of yach that thrilled marine artists at the turn of the century. The restored Sorceress is now among the most authentic aristocratic yachts of her vin-tage still affoat. Her present value is therefore a matter of some speculation. It is also, Mr Grimble insists, of academic interest only, because

love," he said. "The amount the boat is worth is irrelevant. lasurers tell me it is worth £1.5 million to £2 million, but that is not what I am thinking about. I love our heritage and what I wanted to do was beauty and maintain it."
He added: "We cannot

even go sailing in the yacht yet. We still need another £2,000 for the sails."

A yacht surveyor, Bob Forsyth of Southampton, said: "I would estimate that as a yacht in itself Sorceress could fetch anything from £500,000 to £1 million, but Richard has done so much work on the interior that it could fetch a lot more at auction." The yacht is now on display at Chatham Historic Dockyard,

Sailing widow, page 47

Bar committee decision 'perverse'

Defeated professor attacks rival chosen to train barristers

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TWO prominent law professors who were bidding to run the training course for barristers have come to verbal blows in the wake of the Bar's decision in July to end its monopoly on training.

The Bar decided to approve universities to run the one-year vocational course that had been provided by the Inns of Court School of Law. Six institutions, as well as the linns ni Court, won approval to offer training, an essential stepping stone to the profession

The College of Law, the leading provider of training for solicitors, was successful but the joint bid by Oxford University and Oxford Brookes was rejected. Professor Peter Birks, Regius Professor of Civil Law at All Souls. Oxford, who was behind Oxford's failed bid, has published an extraordinary attack on the decision to approve The College of Law, headed by Professor Nigel Savage. In an unsigned editorial in

the newsletter of the Society of Public Teachers of Law, Professor Birks says The College providers of training for solicitors - has no research exper-tise. The institution "Mr

achieve a zero-rating", he says. In spate of having no research exponsibilities, it would retain a "near monopoly" of

legal training.
Professor Birks said yester-day: "I can't imagine a more perverse, inexplicable decision." He said that he had no wish to make a personal attack on Professor Savage. who has risen rapidly to become one of the most powerful spices in legal education.

He said it was the Bar decision, taken by a committee under Sir David Calcutt, OC. ina! he was concerned about. It was "the most extraordinary decision I have known in my

whole life". Prolessor Birks said he had spent eight years trying to get the research-based universities into the second stage of training lawyers. A few universities now offered the solicitors' training course but the Bar decision to devolve barristers' training had "presented a golden opportunity to say 'we need research-based training'. and they refused it".

Professor Savage said the attack amounted to sour grapes. "Neither Oxford University nor Oxford Brookes has any track record in delivering

vers. This was very much Professor Birks's dream and it has failed to become a reality.

To attack the college for lack of research was misplaced because it was not its core activity. "But that is precisely why Oxford is struggling and why they got a zero from the Bar Council - vocational education is not their core activity." If Oxford's course was so excellent, it would have been approved, he said.

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He also questioned the wisdom, from the taxpayer's point of view, of Oxford devoting resources to vocational training when it was a world leader in research and undergraduare teaching. The money might have been better spent on research on litigation, civil evidence and other practice related subjects, he said.

The institutions running the course, apart from the inns of Court School of Law, are The College of Law, based in London, York, Guildford and Chester: Nottingham Law School (Professor Savage's former institution); BPP Law School, in London; Cardiff Law School; the University of Northumbria and the University of the West of England.

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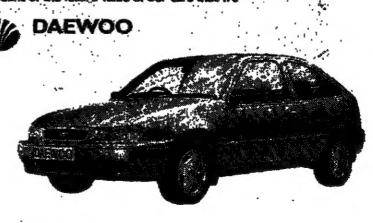
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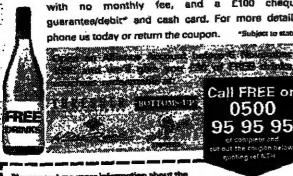
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EVERSIVE SILES Girl's letter

led to jail for teacher

A Sunday-school teacher who was exposed as a child abuser by a nine-year-old girl's letter to a teenage magazine's agony aunt was jailed yesterday for 12 months. Stephen Williams, 34, was found guilty of three specimen counts of indecency on one girl and another count of indecency on another girl at Bolton Crown Court last month. The unposted letter was found by her brother.

Pollution fine

South West Water was fined £1,000 after admitting polluting a Cornish river with sewage. The company blamed salt water in the system and said it would spend £3 million to prevent recurrence.

Firework blast

The owner of a garden centre fled for his life as his firework stock exploded. John Pearson spotted an office blaze spreading to the store at the Burston rose and garden centre, Chiswell Green, St Albans,

Protest punch

Edward Gilder, 50, a livestock transport boss whose firm has been the target of animalrights protests, was bound over by Cheltenham magistrates for punching a TV cameraman in the face.

Sangster sale

The horseracing businessman Robert Sangster has sold his home on the Isle of Man for £25 million. The property, on the outskirts of Douglas, was put on the market four years

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Brother in mercy killing escapes prison sentence

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who killed his brother to end his suffering from a degenerative illness walked free from court yesterday.

The case, involving the first known mercy killing to come before the Scottish courts, was described as "exceptional" by the judge. Lord Macfadyen said he had considered a custodial sentence to make it plain to others that taking a life was unlawful, but there had been powerful mitigating

Paul Brady, 37, who killed his brother James, 40, at his request on Boxing Day last year, was appearing for sentence in the High Court in Glasgow. He had originally been charged with murder but, three weeks ago, the Crown accepted a plea of guilty to the lesser charge of

culpable homicide. The family suffers from the hereditary disease. Huntington's chorea. Brady's grandfa-ther and mother died from it, and in 1985 his brother was diagnosed as suffering from it. The court had been told that James Brady had pleaded with his sister Margaret to end his misery, but she had refused. He was allowed out of his nursing home in Glasgow to her house in the city for Christmas and, while he was being bathed, had asked his

brother to kill him. On Boxing Day, Brady, of



Brady: he acted out of compassion for brother

Skelmanthorpe, west Yorkshire, had given his brother some alcohol and an overdose of his medicine. When he returned to the room and heard him breathing, he had put a pillow on his face.

Lord Macfadyen said he was satisfied that Brady had acted out of compassion rather than malice. "You brought your brother's life to an end at his own earnest and prolonged heartfelt request." he said. By the time of his death, James Brady had been re-duced by a "dreadful disease" to a state of debility.

The judge went on to ex-press hesitation about the message a lenient sentence Gallery says funding system threatens loss of contemporary works

Arts bodies refuse grants to buy new Freud

By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A PORTRAIT of a nude girl was last night claimed to have exposed a major flaw in arts funding, leaving public galleries with little chance to buy contemporary masterpieces for Britain.

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been and however mitigating

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He said he had considered

whether a custodial sentence

was necessary to make it

plain" to others that taking the

life of another person, even in

the circumstances of this case,

was unlawful. "With some

considerable hesitation. I have

come to the conclusion that the

culpability of your conduct is sufficiently marked by the fact

you have been convicted on

your own confession of a

serious crime of culpable ho-

micide," the judge said. He admonished Brady.

was hugged by his tearful family, who had supported his

actions and appeared on tele-

vision to argue his case. He

said: "I am too emotional to

speak. I am just relieved for

myself and the whole family."

As he left the court, Brady

remains a serious crime."

The Heritage Lottery Fund has turned down an application for help in buying Lucian Freud's new work, Portrait on Grey Corer, because it is less than 20 years old. The Arts Council rejected the appeal because the painting was not com-missioned. Each funding body recommended the

Yesterday Edward King, director of the Abbot Hall Art Gallery and Museum in Kendal, Combria, which made the application, said: "We have been going back-wards and forwards between the two for the last six weeks. Each says it is the responsibility of the other."

The gallery attracted 26,000 people to its Lucian Freud exhibition this summer. Mr King described the £780,000 nude, finished in



Lucian Freud's new Portrait on Grey Cover: no lottery cash for 20 years

wonderful work — it is one of the most beautiful and tender of all his paintings".

The director said that with-

out lottery support, it would

be almost impossible for any public gallery in Britain to buy such paintings. Portrait on Grey Cover

exhibition at the Acquavella. the gallery of Lucien Freud's dealer in New York. The dealer is donating £150.000 to the museum's appeal, and currently in America for an has also extended the six-

fortnight despite having a queue of collectors clamouring to buy it.

The National Art Collections Fund. Britain's largest art charity, has once again reacted with speed to a museum's appeal: it offered a £75.000 grant towards the purchase price.

David Barrie, the charity's director. said: "It would be absurd if Abbot Hall were denied the opportunity to purchase this outstanding new work by Freud because of a bureaucratic anomaly in the Lottery-funding system. Let's hope that the funding bodies can work out a solution as time is running out fast. This case raises an extremely important issue can masterpieces created in the last 20 years be acquired for permanent collections with lottery help? If not, the system needs to be changed."

Spokeswomen from both the Arts Council and the Heritage Lottery Fund each said their hands were tied by the rules governing the grants that they can make.

Wallace will not face a retrial

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE former army information officer Colin Wallace, whose conviction for manslaughter was quashed last week, was told yesterday that

he would not face a retrial. Lord Bingham of Cornhill. the Lord Chief Justice, said in the Court of Appeal that the interests of justice would not be served if Mr Wallace, who served six years of a ten-year sentence, was put before a jury again. The court ruled last week that his conviction for the manslaughter of Jonathan Lewis, an antiques dealer, in 1980 was unsafe.

Lawyers for Mr Wallace, who claims to have been an SAS officer, said after the hearing that they would pursue the question of compensation for the years their client spent in prison. Mr Wallace, 53, claimed that he was the victim of an MI5 dirty-tricks campaign to stop him making allegations about covert security service operations in Northern Ireland.

The Crown Prosecution Service had pressed for a retrial, saying the question of who killed Mr Lewis remained unresolved and a rehearing would give Mr Wallace what he had recently demanded - a full inquiry into the case.

Weather is star of new

THE BBC began a series yes-terday devoted to the nation's favourite topic of conversation: the thrice-weekly Weather Show is hosted by Bill Giles and Suzanne

Experts will analyse phenomena such as thunderstorms, hurricanes and heates. Incre will als features on the lighter side of

Fiennes on his Antarctic exreceived, it might become a daily fixture and be length-

opened its new weather centre, enabling more accurate and faster forecasts to be BSkyB's Weather Channel, which began this month.

Bill Giles said that The Weather Show would be topical. "If there is an important weather story developing anywhere in the world we will

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might give, saying his duty was not only to have regard to **BBC** show By CAROL MIDGLEY

weather reporting. Yesterday the lunchtime show, which lasts ten minutes, announced it would be following Sir Ranuiph pedition. If the show is well

ened to half an hour. Last mouth the corporation put out. The Weather Show will provide competition for



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Doctors accuse immigration officials of discrimination as retirement plans collapse Australia bars diabetic as burden on the state

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

A BRITISH citizen has been refused permission to emigrate with his family to Australia hecause he might impose too heavy a burden on the country's health system. Richard Nitze, 40, a char-

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tered engineer who is married to an Australian, is a diabetic in general good health. He is comfortably well off. The Australian High Commission in London has refused to let him emigrate because it says that his condition could deterio-rate. This is despite the fact that he has a pension and can afford private schooling for his daughter and private medical insurance. An Australian private medical company had agreed to take over his Bupu

According to the commis-sion, the Australian Covernment says that if he suffered kidney failure, requiring dialysis or a transplant, it could cost the health system \$Aus400,000 (\$200,000) and

could mean a native Australian being denied treatment. The British Diabetic Association said that the decision

amounted to discrimination and was medically and ethically wrong. Dr Ken Paterson, chairman of the association's professional advisory committee and exasultant diabetes physician at the Glasgow Roy-al Infirmary, said: This is a problem we have met before and we have written to Australia House about it.

"It cannot be right to exclude someone who is in pericelly good health because they might develop a health problem in the future. Does that mean they exclude all smokers?

"The BDA would campaign for a diabetic who was excluded from a job or an activity because of their condition Then a whole country excludes them. One has to wonder whether in the 1990s that is appropriate."

Mr Nitze, of Wickham Market. Suffolk, who works for Eastern Electricity and is a newly appointed magistrate. planned to take early retirement and move to Australia in the new year so that his wife, Bronwyn, could care for her elderly parents who live there.

His daughter, Stefanie, 16,

already has Australian citizenship.

"My wife is distraught," Mr Nitze said. "She wanted to be near her parents. I had already mid a distraction of the parents of the pare ready paid a deposit on a private school for my daughter. Now the whole thing is a dead duck. I have been told I could appeal but it could take

months or years."
Mr Nize has non-insulindependent diabetes, which dives not require injections but is controlled by diet. His consultant had described him as "extremely well controlled", he said.

When the Australian authorities received his consul-

tant's report they sent it to a doctor in Australia who said that Mr Nitze's condition could lead to problems in the future.

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"My consultant said that the Australian authorities had done lots of extrapolations that are basically meaningless. If the same criteria were used for all diabetics, 95 per cent would he rejected," Mr Nitze said.

Malculm Paterson, the chief migration officer at the Australian High Commission, said that there was no general principle that diabetics should be rejected but in individual cases their likely impact on the health system had to be con-

"In Mr Nitze's case, it came down to a difference of medi-cal opinion," he said. "The Australian doctor predicted a poorer outcome. As an employee of the Australian Government. I have to give greater weight to what the Australian



Richard Nitze with his wife Bronwyn, who wants to care for her elderly parents, and their 16-year-old daughter Stefanie. Mother and daughter are Australians

NEWS IN BRIEF

Crash kills death car driver on way to trial

A French driver, due to stand trial at Dornoch, Highland, yesterday for causing the death of another motorist in November by driving on the right-hand side of the road. was himself killed in a crash on his way to the court. Rene de Bere, 40, died in the front passenger sear when his car collided with another car. killing the driver. Coiln. Strang, 21, of Perth. In the car with M de Bere were his French lawyer and a defence witness, both of whom were

Babies buried

Mandy Allwood's eight still-born babies, each in a tiny collin, were huried at the cemetery in West Norwood, south London, after a funeral service attended by Ms Allwood, 32, her partner Paul Hudson, 37, and a handful of friends and relatives.

Safer beach

Lynette Thornton, whose children Tom and Jodi drowned in August at Holme next the Sea. Norfolk, welcomed moves to improve safety at the beach. Emergency telephones and tide warning signs are to be put up by the parish council.

Coach ban

MASTERMIND has been A coach driver who took won by a vicar for the first time in its 24-year history. The Rev Dr Richard Sturch, 60, took the title yesterday with a specialist subject of the operas of Gilbert and Sulli-van and a total score of 32 points. children on a trip to the seaside while almost twice over the drink limit was banned from driving for three

Mastermind

title goes

to vicar

Dr Sturch, from Islip in Oxfordshire, said he had entered because "I wanted to show that the dergy really are quite bright after all".

Dr Sturch, from Islip in Oxfordshire, beat Richard Heller from London and Gwen Kingsley from Kings-winford, West Midlands, who drew with 30 points each, and Elsic Sadek, from Blackpool, with 27.



Rev Sturch: 32 points

years by magistrates at Preston. Colin Murphy, 28, from Liverpool, who was stopped on the M6, was fined £750. Dial-a-detective Durham police are to investi-

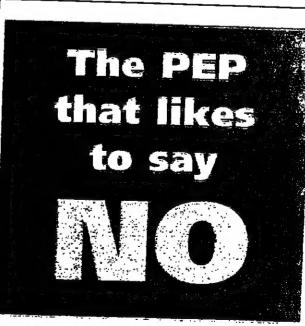
gate some minor crimes by telephone after a successful four-month pioneering experiment in Darlington. The scheme is seen as a timesaving measure that will free officers to concentrate on more

serious crimes. Gym judge jailed

An international gymnastics judge who stole £34,000 from he East Midlands Gymnas tics Association while serving as its treasurer was jailed for 18 months, Howard Gibbs, 51. of Stamford, admitted three sample charges of theft at Lincoln Crown Court.

Austen popular

Record numbers of tourists are visiting the home of Jane Austen after the success of film and television adaptations of Sense and Sensibility and Pride and Prejudice. The house in Chawton, Hampshire, has attracted more than 50,000 visitors so far this year.



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Central storage of weapons 'would present criminals with remote Santa's grottoes to raid at will'

Home Office balks at turning gun clubs into arsenals

By Richard Ford, home correspondent, and Bill Frost

THEFTS of firearms could increase if handgun owners are forced to keep their weapons at gun clubs rather than in their homes, according to evidence given to the Dunblane inquiry by the Home Office. The clubs, meanwhile, fear such a move would turn them into targets for terrorists and a former police superintendent said it would be "astonishing-

Home Office officials submitted 35 potential changes to gun laws to Lord Cullen's inquiry into the school massacre. Apart from the central storage requirement, they in-cluded banning the possession and use of all guns, banning ownership of more than one handgun and banning handguns above .22 calibre. Other options included giving police wider discretion to refuse firearms certificates: increasing the number of counter-signatories for certificates and requiring all applications to be countersigned by a doctor.

The doubts about central storage of firearms and ammunition could cause serious difficulties in Parliament if ministers push ahead with a ban on the possession of handguns in private homes. The Home Office warned that concentrating all legally owned guns and ammunition in a limited number of locations would have serious security implications.

Its submission said: "Shoot-ing clubs are often in relatively remote locations. They could well become more attractive targets for theft if it became known that members had to store their guns and ammunition there. Clubs might then

be required to upgrade their security measures, at expense, but the net result could still be an increase in thefts of

The gun clubs fear that, despite these misgivings, the Government will require them to provide safe storage for handguns. They claimed the move would turn clubs into a "Santa's grotto" for criminals and terrorists in search of arms and ammunition. Sec-urity precautions required to give teeth to any proposed legislation would drive many clubs out of business and could never prove foolproof.

Andrew Barnard, one of the few gun club owners already offering members secure storage for weapons, said he could make a fortune should the proposal ever become law. However, he warned that the



Handguns stored at the Wiltshire Shooting Centre. Former members include Michael Ryan, responsible for the Hungerford massacre

move would "do nothing to avert another Dunblane".

Mr Barnard should know. Among former members at his Wiltshire Shooting Centre in Devizes was Michael Ryan, the Hungerford gun "enthusiast" who killed 16 people and wounded 14 others nine years ago. "To make gun clubs into arsenals would be an act of folly," Mr Barnard said last

night. "No matter what sec-urity measures you call for, unless there is a great deal of money spent, it is only a question of time before you are turned over."

about 200,500 legally held handguns in the United Kingdom, of which around 190,000 are revolvers or automatic single-shot pistols used for target shooting. Many of Britain's 2.118 approved gun clubs

— 247 are in Scotland — are in remote locations.

lan McConchie, general secretary of the National Pistol Association, agreed that clubs in isolated areas "stand no chance against determined thieves, "Even the best protected clubs get raided, it doesn't matter what precautions you go for. We have had two recent examples where raiders bulldozed down wire fences and brick walls."

Colin Greenwood, editor of Guns Review, was a superin-tendent with West Yorkshire Police in charge of firearms training. He refuses to believe that any government could be

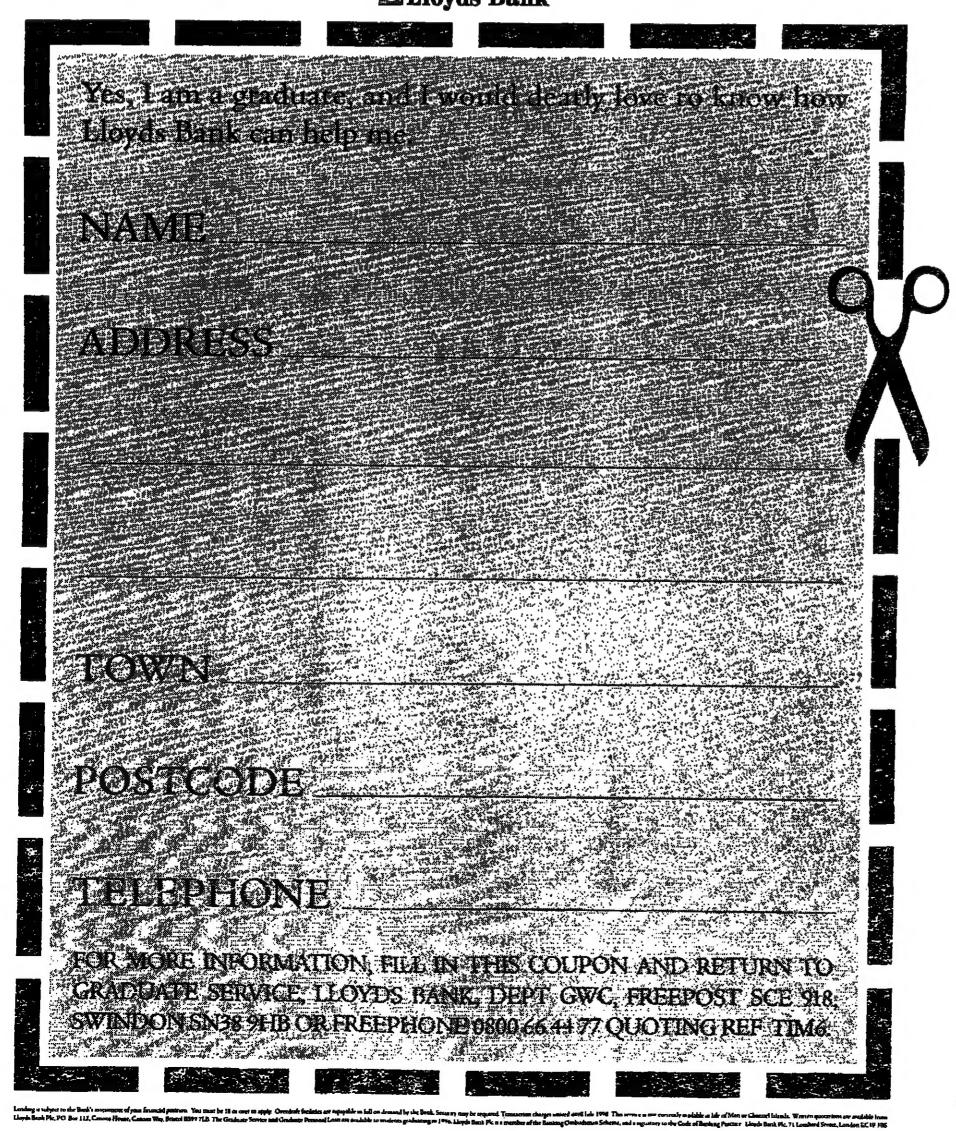
compelling shooters to give their weapons over to gun clubs for safe keeping. "You are just creating safe and easy targets for terrorists and other

violent criminals. "It would be astonishingly stupid to introduce such a change and it would fly in the face of all the advice offered by senior police officers and the

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Forsyth 'would fend off poll challenge'

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

MICHAEL FORSYTH yestercampaigners for gun control to put up a candidate against him in the approaching gener-

The Scottish Secretary's Stirling constituency, which includes Dunblane, has the second smallest Conservative majority in Scotland. Mr Forsyth said he would not be pushed into arguing for a ban on handguns. It is my job to discuss things with colleagues and then put them to Parliament. I am not going to be pressurised." Supporters of Mr Forsyth in his constituency expressed confidence that they could fend off any challenge from the Snowdrop Perition. which this weekend threatened to put up Ann Pearston ment failed to legislate for a complete handgun ban.

At the same time, a group of Dunblane parents who lost children in the massacre called on Mr Forsyth to back an. all-out ban or resign because he could not claim to be representing his constituents. Yesterday Ritchie Robertson, chairman of the local Conservatives, said the parents' stance was "grossly unfair" and that Mr Forsyth was right not to pre-empt the Cullen report on the matter, which will be published tomorrow. "Michael Forsyth is an extremely devoted, hard worker

in this constituency and people are starting to make judg-ments before he has had time to read the Cullen report." Mr Robertson said.

The petition was originally set up by Scottish parents who felt compelled to "do something" after the Dunblane massacre. Initially their aims and tactics were simple. They collected 700,000 signatures and presented them to Parliament in the hope popular pressure would force change.

But the campaign, named after the only flower in bloom on March 13, the date of the Dunblane massacre, has developed into a powerful mouthpiece for parents of Thomas Hamilton's victims and for anti-gun sympathisers across the country.

er of three who has emerged as the campaign's figurehead. has, simply by asking whether protecting children or protecting people's right to shoot is more important, made politicians take notice. She ad U dressed the Labour conference this month and reduced many delegates to tears.

Mrs Pearston, who used to live in Dunblane, said yesterday that standing for election would be just one option in a continuing campaign. She admitted that her preference would be to persuade the Labour Party to commit itself to banning handguns.



Ann Pearston, the gun control campaigner, has said she might stand for election against Michael Forsyth

Both parties face election threat

By PETER RIDDELL

THE Scottish Secretary should be concerned by the threat of campaigners for gun control to put up a candidate against him in Stirling if the Government fails to introduce a total ban on hand guns.

Michael Forsyth is vulnerable not just because of his small majority of 703 over Labour (or a notional 236 after taking account of boundary changes) but also because the strong local feelings aroused by the Dunblane massacre are about the only circumstances when a single-issue candidate might attract many votes. However, Labour as well as

the Tories could be affected. Most single-issue candidates have not done well in general elections, when the attention is on the main parties. The most striking parallel is Nelson and Colne in 1966, where Sydney Silverman, the sitting Labour MP, faced strong opposition after he had successfully sponsored the Private Member's Bill that led to the abolition of capital punish-

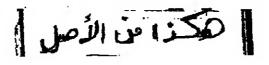
ment in 1965. An independent

standing as an anti-abolitionist probably took nearly as many votes from the Tory candidate as from Mr Silverman, whose majority increased nearly in line with the national trend.

If an anti-guns candidate stood in Stirling, he or she could draw votes from both Tory and Labour, But Mr. Forsyth cannot afford any differential swing against him rather than Labour.

Among other single-issue candidates, the writer Richard Adams won 2,816 votes, 5.5 per cent, fighting the late Hum-phrey Atkins on an antihunting ticket in Spelthorne in the 1983 general election.

Anti-Brussels candidates have stood ever since Britain first applied to join the Common Market in the early 1960 — particularly against Ed-ward Heath, who was in charge of the first negotiations and led Britain into membership. The mid-term successes of anti-Brussels groups have not been repeated in general



Blair sells Labour as new champion of family values

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

TONY BLAIR spoke yesterday of his hopes of creating a "decent society" based on traditional family values and strong communities.

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He used a speech in Cape Town to declare that a Labour government would try to unite a prosperous Britain around a new social morality. He said that otherwise it would be difficult to sustain economic

The Lahour leader rejected claims that he was promoting neo-Conservative ideas, describing his aims as a "radical centre-left" agenda that his transformed party was well placed to pursue.

"I have no desire to return to the age of Victorian hypocrisy about sex, to women's place being only in the kitchen, to homophobia or to preaching to people about their private lives as the ill-fated back to basics campaign of the Conservatives attempted to do.

"But the absence of prejudice should not mean the absence of rules, of order, of stability. Let us construct them for today. Let the social morality be based on reason — not bigotry. But let us not delude ourselves that we can build a society fit for our children to grow up in without making a moral judgment about the nature of that society."

He added: "This isn't a killjoy philosophy. This is enlightened self-interest. In a society in which opportunity is extended, we have greater security, our streets are safer, our young people more more vated, our ambitions better fulfilled. This is a society that is invigorating, exciting, good

Mr Blair, addressing the Commonwealth press union, spoke of his belief that encouraging greater parental responsibility would ease the burden on the welfare state caused by social decay. "Most of the children who are bad are made bad, not horn bad," he said. "And we, their parents and the society we create, are what make them."

On the need for stronger communities, he said: The language of getting has replaced the language of giving. Do-gooding has become a term of abuse, as if to help others is somehow a weakness when in truth it is a strength.

We are growing immune to wrong-doing. As a society we have lost our capacity to be outraged when our elderly are treated with disrespect, or our young neglected."

He emphasised the need for parental responsibility, partieularly in helping children with their education. He saw no reason for young children to be out on their own late at night. We are examining measures to tackle this. Some have called it curfew. I call it child protection."

Nothing angered him more than accusations that he was raising an "illiberal agenda" for the nanny state. "It is about understanding that liberty is not just an exercise in a moral vacuum and we do not live just as individuals, but as part of society." He told The Times that his

party's ideas about social contracts would be expanded upon months ahead and said was a mark of how "skewed" the political debate had become that by raising such issues he could be accused of adopting a right-wing agenda. He denied that he was stealing Tory baggage, insisting that

Tony Blair saying goodbye to a child he met at the Nazareth House Aids orphanage in Cape Town

he was re-emphasising traditional Labour values of selfimprovement that had been expounded by Keir Hardie and Clement Attlee.

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"I think this is something that is so important for people to understand as part of new Labour, it's actually about going back to our roots and representing the concerns of

these people. If you've gut the money you can buy yourself out of these social problems, if you don't you're stuck there."

The idea of a new social morality was something tradinional Labour supporters were "crying out" for. The Left had long been reluctant to satisfy that demand for fear of being accused of trying to switch

back the clock, "Actually you don't have to say that. You can construct a different social and moral code for today's world that takes account of changes that are good, like the liberation of women."

Referring to John Major's "new Labour, old-school tie" gibe last week about his public school education. Mr Blair

said: "It's not where you come from that's important for the country. It is what you are and what you're going to do for the country. That's what the election should be about. I don't have much time either for

snobbery or for inverted

snobbery."

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Tories deny selling access to minister

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL REPORTER

LABOUR accused the Tories yesterday of soliciting £500 from businessmen and tourism chiefs in return for granting access to Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary.

In what has been called the "cash for croissants" affair. Jack Cunningham, the Shadow National Heritage Secretary, told the Commons that a breakfast meeting held last week broke the Prime Minister's pledge in July that "no one can buy access to ministers" over a breakfast.

Mrs Bottomley rejected the claims, saying that the breakfast was open to anyone who could pay the £7.50 cover charge.

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The allegation was based on a lener from Simon Coombs. Tory MP for Swindon, inviting tourism leaders to the breakfast at Bournemouth notel during the Tory conference. Under the auspices of a group called Tories for Tourism, he asked for businessmen to sponsor the breakfast. "For £500, you would be able to discuss issues of concern to you informally over breakfast with Virginia Bottomley and members of her National Heritage team . .

Mr Cunningham asked Mrs Bottomley if this was proper or doesn't it just make the statement the Prime Minister made to this House in July absolute rubbish?"

Mrs Bottomley replied: "Anybody who thought the only way to speak to me was to pay £500 would waste a great deal of money. I am available at virtually every major tourism event that takes place and I am only too happy to hear directly from people what their concerns are."

Tory sources said that of the 50 people who attended the event, 49 paid £7.50 and only one paid £500 to sponsor it. The sponsor had no greater access to Mrs Bottomley than did any other guest. The cash receipts, none of which went to the party, merely covered the

Why the Hamilton affair calls for an unfettered inquiry RIDDELL

their attempt to limit the scope of parliamentary inquiries into the Netl Hamilton affair - and quite right too. The Tories are correct that British public life is not particularly corrupt, or "sleazy", by international standards, but that is precisely why there now needs to be the fullest possible investigation. The Tories do themselves no favours by crying foul. They are misreading the public mood, as rightly interpreted yesterday by the Speaker. By the spirit, as much as the substance of her statement, she reinforced demands for a full inquiry.

Yesterday was a time for reality after two weeks of shadow boxing

against The Guardian. Labour and the Liberal Democrats had originalgone off on the wrong track in demanding a formal judicial inquiry. John Major was right to reject this call. Leaving aside the legal objections raised yesterday by Downing Street officials, such a tribunal could easily have taken a year or more.

It would also have been wrong for issues to do with Parliament and the conduct of MPs not to be investigated by the House's streamlined disciplinary machinery. The post-Nolan framework of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards and the Standards and Privileges Committee was set up last year to

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deal with the shortcomings of the old disciplinary arrangements. This new system should be given the chance to prove itself, as Labour and the Liberal Democrats now accept.

Worries that Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner. would have insuffient resources and powers were always ill-founded. As the Speaker made clear, "ail necessary steps" will be taken to ensure that the commissioner and the committee are "adequately staffed". while if they need additional powers, "no doubt the House will be invited to decide whether they

political climate, it would anyway have been impossible to suppress an inquiry and Mr Major has repeatedly said he will make available all reievant papers,

The real issue is the scope of the investigation. Tory party managers had been hoping to limit the inquiry to the original allegations by Mohammed Al Fayed against Mr Hamilton and related matters not considered by the old Members' Interests Committee because of the libel case. But much wider allegations have now been raised over Mr Hamilton's acceptance of payments from Ian Greet. As Donald Dewar and Archy Kirkwood, the Labour and Liberal Democrat Chief Whips,

argued yesterday in a joint statement, these matters should also be considered by Sir Gordon and the committee. The Speaker was careful not to say what the committee should examine. Her concern was more that the committee should rapidly inform the House about "the full nature and scope of any investigations which it undertakes".

The Willetts memorandum — the note written by David Willetts, the Paymaster General, when he was a whip two years ago about the members' interests inquiry - is entirely separate and does not come within Sir Gordon's current remit. The report of the Select Committee on Standards in Public Life in July 1995 that set out the powers of the

commissioner made clear that this type of privilege issue should be dealt with in the traditional way. The Speaker acts as an initial filter for complaints which are then referred by the House to the committee. Any suggestion that Sir Gordon should take on such privilege issues would make him even more of a judicial investigator. It is in everybody's interests

Parliament's, the Tories, even the now beleaguered and tawdry Mr Hamilton — that nothing is sup-pressed. It is the only way to deal with wilder allegations about sleaze and to rebuild confidence in

PETER RIDDELL | cost of the breakfast.

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Rising costs may drive 'Le Trib' to abandon France

THE International Herald Tribune, the American newspaper first published in Paris more than 100 years ago, may soon move to the United States, driven out by the high costs of doing business in

The newspaper, jointly owned by The New York Times and The Washington Post, has commissioned a study to explore the costs of moving its operations to America, executives said.

"It is no secret that France is an enormously costly place to produce anything," Michael Getler, executive editor of the Herald Tribune, said. He added that relocating to the United States would represent a significant saving. The Her-ald Tribuns employs some 250 staff at its offices in Neuillysur-Seine, and the newspaper would retain a "substantial" presence in France whatever the study's findings, Mr Getter said.

Editorial and business operations are among those that may be moved from France, but Mr Getler stressed that no decision had been made on which, if any, parts of the paper might be relocated. Journalists on the Herald Tribune are paid American salaries, which are higher than French ones, but also enjoy French holidays which



those usually allowed in the United States.

The technology that enables us to print in a dozen countries around the world will be sufficient to co-ordinate functions between the sizeable element that would certainly remain in France and other elements if they moved to New York or Washington or some-

where else," Mr Getler said. The Herald Tribune has "full page make-up" — technology that enables pages to be made up on computer screen. But a spokesman at the newspaper said that this is



Paris halts growth of 220mph train network

THE French Government has slammed the brakes on expansion of the high-speed TGV rail system, once the pride of French engineering and the envy of Europe.

Anne-Marie Idrac, the junior Transport Minister, confirmed that plans to lay a further 1.400 miles of special track for the trains d grand vitesse, which travel at a top speed of 220mph, have been

In 1992, the SNCF em-

braced an "all-TGV" policy and committed itself to building a network of high-speed However, the Government has balked at the expense of building banked tracks needroutes throughout France. ed by the TGV.

With rail traffic dectining, the SNCF lost an estimated Fri6.5 billion (£2 billion) last year alone, and Mme Idrac said that implementing the 1992 plan would cost an additional Fr200 billion.

only used on a few pages a day, due to union rules. Production staff has been out from 30 to ten people over the last year, the spokesman said.

The 50 Paris-based journal-ists at the Herald Tribune belong to an in-house union, and some are also members of the French journalists' union.

"If a move came to pass, we would obviously take labour concerns into account," Mr Getler said, adding that it was unlikely French staff would be asked to move to America.

If the Trib does relocate, it will follow numerous companies unable or unwilling to shoulder the huge cost of French government charges for staff healthcare, social security, pensions and insur-

The Harald Tribune is facing increased competition from international dailies such as The Wall Street Journal and the Financial Times, as well as from The Times and other British newspapers which are now printed and distributed on the

"I don't want [the move], but I will do whatever is good for the profitability of the enterprise," Richard McLean, the newspaper's publisher, said.
"I would be very sad if I had to
leave France. The newspaper
started here. This is its home."
The Paris Herald was born
on October 4, 1887, when
James Gordon Bennett Jr

founded a European edition of the highly successful New York Herald. After merging with the New York Tribune. the American-based newspaper closed down in 1966, but the Paris edition continued under its current title.

Over the years, the newspaper attained something of a cult status in France and a copy of Le Trib under one arm remains a badge of cosmopolitan chic. In the 1959 film Breathless, Jean Seberg wore a New York Herald Tribune Tshirt, which has since been adapted into a line of women's clothing. · c



Relatives watch the exhumation yesterday of the bodies of Bosnian Muslims killed near Sarajevo in 1992. Vehicle tyres were used to set the bodies ablaze

Vow by Bosnia prosecutor to pursue rapists

FROM SAM KILEY IN ARUSHA

LOUISE ARBOUR chief prosecutor in the Rwandan and Yugoslav international war crimes tribunals, veers between deep distaste and blushing enthusiasm for her role as the world's sword of judicial vengeance against its war criminals.

But, as she said in an interview in Arusha, Tanzania, where Rwanda's alleged perpetrators of genocide --accused of plotting the mass idling of a million Hutu moderates and Tutsis — will he tried this month, she is determined to add the crime of mass rape to their charge

Stung by criticism from human rights groups, which accused the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda of ignoring mass rape, the organised sexual mutilation of Tutsi women and the deliberare impregnation of mass groups of them by Hutus, Justice Arbour pledged that the perpetrators of such atrocities would be hunted down.

Part of the explanation for the slow response to calls for prosecutions for rape has been that the Yugoslav and Rwandan tribunals are making up international law on the hool. The only case law they have to go on has come from the Nuremberg prosecutions of Nazi leaders 50 years ago.

"Rape was not part of the fabric of jurisprudence at the Nuremberg trials, the only area of case law for us in the realm of 'crimes against humanity'. But we have indicaed people for rape in Yugoslavia and we are investigating sexual violence in the Rwandan context, and will continue to do so. I have written to 50 NGOs (non-governmental organisations] asking for their help and we hope they will really give a boost to our efforts, Justice Arbour said.

Nobody knows how many women were raped during the mass slaughter in Rwanda in 1994. But at least 5,000 unwanted "children of hate" have been left behind, abandoned by their mothers.

Justice Arbour, 49, a former criminal justice don. Ontario Supreme Court judge and vice-president of the Civil Liberties Association of Canada. presides with precision over the most informal char. The smallest slip of the tongue or inaccuracy of terminology is instantly corrected.

"I do not represent the tribunals. I represent the prosecution in the tribunals," she

She was asked whether a prosecution witness could turn "Queen's evidence" and testify against his conspirators in return for immunity. "It would not be Queen's evidence because we're not in a British court," she replied. "And I

won't say anyway."
When asked what was the biggest burden she carried. she said "that justice, when it comes, may be too late, and can never heal the wounds of the victims who survived."

Anger as child sex case judge is dismissed

FROM LEYLA LINTON IN BRUSSELS

REVULSION and disgust swept Belgium yesterday after its supreme court decided to remove the judicial investiga-tor from the country's child sex abuse and murder investigations because he accepted a free meal from an organisation that supports the parents

of missing children. More than 600 people outside the Palais de Justice in Brussels greeted the decision to dismiss Jean-Marc Connerotte from the case with howls of protest and chants of "murderers, murderers". The Cour

de Cassation said that a judge must remain impartial at all times. "The decision was made . . . given that the impartiality of magistrates was a fundamental rule," Oscar Stranard, the court president, told the packed court.

The court upheld complaints by the lawyer for Mare Dutroux, the man suspected of killing four girls and kidnapping two others, that Mr Connerotte had compromised his objectivity by attending a spaghetti supper last month at which two of Dutroux's aileged victims were present. Julien Pierre, Dutroux's lawyer, said the court had shown 'infinite wisdom".

Paul Marchal, father of An. one of Dutroux's alleged victims, said: "It is the beginning of the end. Justice is dead." The families of Mélissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, who starved to death in a house belong-ing to Dutroux, were disillusioned with the decision. their lawyer said. He plans to

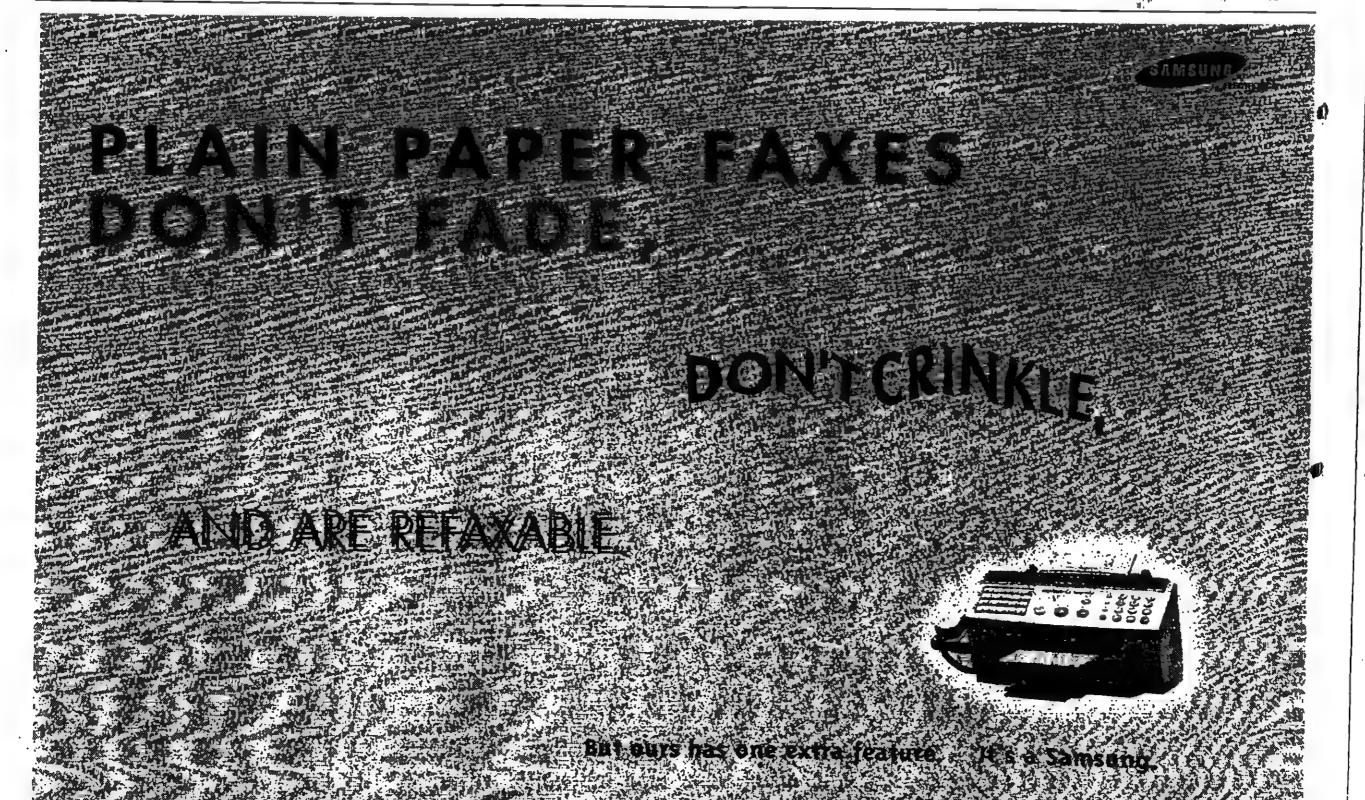
appeal against it. However, the families of the dead girls and their support-

ern expressed some relief that at least Michel Bourlet, the prosecutor of Neuf Château, would remain on the case. even though he too had attended the supper.
Mr Connerotte and Mr

Bourlet had won widespread public support for their aggressive approach to the investigation of the scandal which uncovered police bungling and a connection between the suspect and a local police inspector. More than 280,000. people had signed a petition backing Mr Connerotte: 11/3



Connerotte: he had won the public's support



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A DRAMATIC shift to the far

Right in European elections

seemed yesterday to stun Aus-

tria's European Union part-

ners and raised fears that the

populist Freedom Party may

become the moving force in

The Freedom Party won

almost 28 per cent of the vote

at the weekend elections and

could be poised to overtake the

two established pro-European

governing parties before the

controversial leader, ex-pressed confidence yesterday that he would be Austria's

Ten years ago the Freedom Party was linle more than a

group of malcontents, unhap-

py about the stagmant politics of the Austrian grand evalition

between the Social Democrats

and the conservative People's

Party. Although Herr Haider

lost the June 1994 referendum

on entry into the European Union, the 46-year-old

Porsche-driving lawyer has

plugged away. Now 62 per

cent of Austrians say that

European membership brings

"overwhelming disadvantges"

- an indictment of the ruling

coalition which has sent the

decades the dominant force in

Austrian politics, have lost two

European parliamentary seats

and now have only six. They

secured 29.2 per cent of the

wote, but were overtaken by

their conservative partners,

who picked up 29.6 per cent.

The Social Democrats, for

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the country's politics.

FROM ROGER BOYES IN VIENNA

FINAL RESULT

lor, were always regarded as

ployment for the first time,

The supporters of EU failed to state their case well. Klaus

Liebscher, the Central Bank chief, argues that abandoning

the schilling gives Austria

more influence. At present, the

Austrians more or less follow

the line of the German Bundesbank. In a European

Central Bank, the Austrians

would be consulted on mone-

tary policy and share in the

decision-making". None of the

government politicians man-

aged to make this case in the

campaign and surrendered

the ground to the Freedom

Party, which presented itself

as the standard-bearer of Aus-

trian independence.

the party that protected jobs. But while some tens of thou-People's Party sands of jobs have been creat-Wolfgang Schüssel., 29.6% Social Democrats ed since EU entry, even more have been lost. The Freedom Franz Vranitzky. Party appealed not only to the Freedom Party new jobless but also to the many more who fear unem-Jörg Haider.

Nevertheless, it lost a seat in Strasbourg. The right-wing Freedom Party, which had campaigned for a delay in economic and monetary union (EMU), the preservation of the schilling and much slower eastward enlargement of the EU, polled 27.6 per cent of the vote, compared to 21.9 per cent in the general elections ten

months ago, Herr Haider's appeal may well have been his tub-thumping speeches against foreign-"Vienna, not Istanbul!" he yelled to the crowds - as against Brussels. The simultaneous Vienna municipal elections, which levered the Social Democrats out of their timehonoured control of the city, suggested that many Austrians may also have simply wanted a clean broom swept through mainstream politics.

Membership of the EU was the turning point for Herr Haider. Rash promises that food prices would drop, that everyone would be better off to the tune of £100 a week, that tourism would blossom, and jobs would be secure have not been fulfilled. So Herr Haider, who campaigned against EU, is seen as a prophet.

Budget cuts designed to save some £6 billion and bring the public deficit down to 3 per cent of GDP -- to meet one of the Maastricht criteria for EMU - have begun to hurt: schools are scrambling for funds, towns are cutting back on libraries and swimming pools. "People have the feeling that the European Union caused the budget cuts, but that is absolutely not right," Helmut Cramer, director of the Austrian Institute for Economic Research, said. "We would have had to do it, Maas-

Vranitzky: coalition The Social Democrats of

failed to state case Anti-Maastricht vote

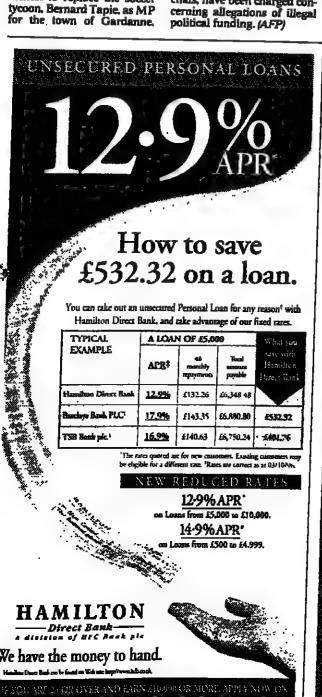
FROM BEN MACINTYRE

COMMUNIST candidate campaigning against the Maastricht treaty topped the poll in a French by-election at

the weekend. in the first round of a contest to replace the soccer tycoon, Bernard Tapie, as MP for the town of Gardanne.

near Marseilles, the Commu-nist and the extreme-right National Front candidates shared 64 per cent of the vote

and face a run-off. Corruption charge: Robert Hue, head of the French Communist Party, and his predecessor. Georges Marchais, have been charged con-cerning allegations of illegal political funding. (AFP)





The paradox is that Austria has been successful in milking Brussels, Alpine farmers are complaining - and voting for Herr Haider – about competition, but they have been receiving huge compensation for falling prices from both Brussels and from Vienna.

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The question for British Conservatives or other parliamentarians opposed to Maastricht is how far can they make common cause with Herr Haider in Brussels.

For the moment, he is on a roll, and ensuring that racist sentiment - he steadfastly

refuses to condemn the Nazi era and has addressed the Waffen SS - is lumped together with opposition to Brussels, EMU and European enlargement. He plays on suspicions of open frontiers: that Hungarians and Slovenes, potential EU members, will destroy

Austrian farmers. Although he exhibits an easy charm, he could be a dangerous ally. Opinion Poll on Monetary If the schilling is replaced by

the euro in around five years, will Austria have:

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If you had an accident or developed a serious liness and had to stop working, would you be able to manage? Would you receive enough help from your employers, or the State? And what would happen to you if you didn't? After all, you still have to eat, even if you can't walk. With a SafeGuard Income Protection plan from Norwich Union Healthcare however, you can be ready to deal with these problems. Because if the worst ever happens, it protects you against financial hardship. So all you'd have to worry about is getting better.



Every year, 311,539 people are injured in road accidents. If it happened to you, the chances are you'd be off work for a long time. Who'd pay your way? Your employer? Unfortunately, he's only obliged to pay you for a limited period. So he might soon stop paying your wages. You might receive support from the

State, but even then

the basic single

Benefit is only

£54.55 a week.

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LEAVE YOUR JOB BECAUSE OF SLINESS OR INJURY, Person Incapacity IT IS STELL DOWN TO YOU TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

survive? Add up your weekly bills (food, clothes, gas, electricity...) and the answer is, nor very long at all:

So if it isn't your employer's or the State's responsibility to provide for you if you have to stop working, whose is it? To be blunt, it's yours. And without a

SafeGuard Income Protection plan, you'd find coping very difficult indeed

From only £10 a month, a SafeGuard plan allows you to insure up to 60% of your income against almost all types of injury or illness, protecting you against suffering a lower standard of living should you have to give up your job. Every mouth, until you're fit enough to work again, or if necessary, until you reach an agreed retirement age, SafeGuard provides you with a tax-free income to the agreed level of cover.

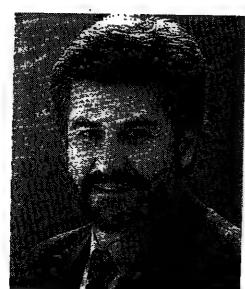
Of course, you may still believe that you don't need the protection of a SafeGuard plan. That accidents always happen to someone else. If you do, bear in mind that last year 1.7 million workers needed more than six months off work due to long-term injury or illness, and that Norwich Union Healthcare paid out over £18 million in income protection claims. That's rather a lot of someone elses. For more

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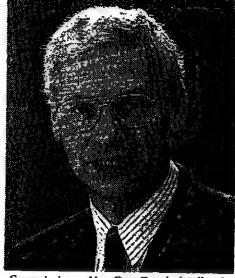
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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook **TUESDAY OCTOBER 15 1996**

German shoe chain could reignite Hinchliffe career

By Jason Nisse

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE, the Shelfield businessman whose col-Japsed Facia empire is being investigated by the Serious Fraud (Mice, 18 using a 550 million German shoeretailing chain to fund a possible return to the husiness arena.

The Facia empire, which claimed to be Britain's second-largest pri-

the summer and is now under the control of insolvency practitioners from three accounting firms.

However, Mr Hinchliffe managed to keep Bata Schuhe, the German arm of the empire, out of the hands of the receivers. The operation has 110 stores in Germany and a reported annual turniwer of £50 million but recorded losses the last time it filed accounts. Mr Hinchliffe bought the business in March from International Footwear Investments, part of the Bata parent company based in Canada.

Price Waterhouse, the administrators of the shoe side of Facia, is suing Mr Hinchliffe for up to £35 million and has gained a mareva injunction freezing his UK assets. However, Bata Schuhe is not covered by the injunction because it is owned by a company registered outside the UK. The husiness is associate of Mr Hinchliffe, and he has been asked whether there is any spare money in the business to help Mr Hinchliffe in continue funding s lifestyle. Keith Oliver, a partner Peters & Peters, lawyers acting for Mr Hinchliffe, would not comment about the status of Bata Schuhe but said that Mr Hinchliffe would be applying to have the mareva injunction lifted.

Facia is likely to go into liquidation in the next couple of weeks in spite of a dispute between Mr Hinchliffe and KPMG, the reachers of the company and some of its subsidiaries. KPMG has told Mr Hinchliffe and other directors of the company that its job is done and has invited them to appoint liquidators However, the directors have not done so, in spite of the move being

only a formality usually. Part of the

that Buchler Phillips, the firm that Mr Hinchliffe favours, advised the Sheffield businessman while Facia was still running.

Now KPMG is expecting one of the creditors of Facia to issue a unding up petition, which will allow the liquidators to be appointed. They will then decide how large 2 payout creditors can receive from

Executive

denies

£1m Abbey

fraud

BY OUR CITY STAFF A SENIOR executive at the Abbey National went on trial at the Old Bailey yesterday accused of defrauding his

employer out of more than £1

Over a two-year period,

Michael Doyle, said to be earning nearly £50,000 a year,

allegedly approved agency in-

voices for work that had never

been done and then took

payments from the agency

Anthony Glass, QC, prosecut-

ing, said: "He was by any standards a quite well-paid

executive and it was really greed

nue Gardens, Teddington,

southwest London, was pro-

moted to marketing services

director in 1993. Mr Glass

said. In the next two years he

would more than double his

earnings through fraud, Mr

Glass alleged.
Mr Doyle denies four charges of conspiring to defraud Abbey

National through unwarranted

and/or excessive payments to

agencies. In the dock with him

are: Stuart Nicholson, 40, of

Brooks Close, Nottingham, a di-

rector of Major Taylor Nichol-

son and Fix Focus agencies:

Steven Bracken, 37, of Hall

Farm Crescent, Yeatley, Surrey,

a director of ASB Consulting:

Guy Hewitt, 35, of Tonsely Hill,

Wandsworth, south London,

and Robert Taylor, 41, of Lands-down Road, Notting Hill, west

London, both directors of NRG

Communications; Ian Zak, 46,

and Timothy Spillane, 53, direc-

tors of The Business Develop

ment Parmership. The only non-director is Mr Doyle's

brother James Doyle, 32, of

Fawe Park Road, Putney, south-

All deny a charge of conspir-acy to defraud. The case was

adjourned until today.

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BA bids for troubled Air Liberté

BRITISH AIRWAYS has made a formal bid for Air Liberté, the troubled French regional carrier. BA is offering Fr25 million (about £3 million) for the airline, put into administration in September. Success would give BA access to seven domestic French routes, and destinations in the French West Indies, Reunion, North Africa and Portugal. The deal would complement

French regional carrier. Bob Ayling, BA chief executive, said that the deal gave BA an "excellent opportunity" to

BA's investment in TAT, the

secure its presence in France. BA has asked the European Commission to block a rival bid by AOM, a French domestic competitor owned by Credit Lyonnais. BA says an AOM purchase of Air Liberté would be illegal use of state aid.

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Brokers fined over pensions mis-selling

BY ROBERT MILLER

A SENIOR City watchdog yesterday handed down fines totalling £405,000 on four of the UK's largest financial broking houses, for misselling personal pensions. The guilty parties were also ordered to pay costs of

The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the watchdog for fund managers, found that the firms failed to provide many of their investors, who transferred out of occupational and company into personal plans, with "fair and clear written statements".

Imro said that in a number of instances investors had been unable to make balanced judgments on the rival merits of the pension schemes because the information they

Man Utd shares on the ball

By Jason Nisse

MANCHESTER United shares soared another 49p to 559p yesterday - a twoday gain of more than £1 as another rumoured bid surfaced and was shot

IMG, the sports promotions company run by Mark McCormack, was said to be preparing an offer, having failed recently to buy Olympique Marseilles. United said it was not aware of any approach or proposals from any group and, while not directly denying the story, IMG played down the

Tumours.
Tim Jenkins, who heads the football side of IMG in the UK, declined to comment but admitted if IMG was to bid for United, it would severely stretch its

IMG has 70 offices in 30 countries and an annual turnover of \$1 billion. If it had taken control of Marseilles it would have paid £4 million with a commitment to invest another million. United would cost at least 20 times

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were provided with was flawed. Others were not given clear enough warnings about the dangers of leaving a generous company plan for the uncertainties of a personal pension. In many cases, said Imro, the record keeping and paperwork was very poor.

The largest of the fines was the £200,000 levied on Godwins, an independent finan-Farnborough, Hampshire. Willis Corroon was fined E95,000, Heath Consulting Company £70,000, and the Alexander Consulting Group E40,000.

The Imro action underlines the determination of City watchdogs to speed up the review of the one million personal pension plans sold since 1988. Since the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City authority, ordered the review in 1993, only a handful of individual investors have received compensation. Hundreds of thousands more may be unaware that they are entitled to redress. The industry faces an esti-

mated total costs and compen-sation bill of £4 billion. Commenting on the Imro action, Hunter Devine, chairman of Godwins, which has identified 1.167 problem cases. said: "I believe it is unfair in that imro made a number of regular inspection visits prior to 1994 and we were given a clean bill of health. When they came back in 1994 they were applying a new and tougher

set of rules to business they

Last year Godwins, which

By Janet Bush

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE latest set of encouraging figures on

industrial costs and prices helped the

stock market to another record close

British producer output prices rose by a

better than expected 0.4 per cent in September because of a rise in crude oil

prices. Annual output price inflation, therefore, rose to 2.2 per cent from 2.0 per

cent in August. However, stripping out

food, drink, tobacco and petroleum,

underlying output price inflation dropped

from 1.3 per cent to 0.9 per cent, its lowest

Input prices - the cost of raw materials

to industry - rose 0.3 per cent in the

had already cleared."

has to date identified 13 cases where average compensation of between £5,000 and £7,000 might be paid, made pre-tax profits of £4.25 million.

among the life offices and banks yesterday that Imro was acting in a "high-handed" and "unfair" manner. A senior Imro source said: "Firms left to their own devices may be tempted to be concerned more with their bottom line than investors' interests. The regulator's job is to restore the balance to their thinking, and the possibility of discipline is very effective.

The Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog for firms selling direct to the public, has more than 3,000 members involved in the pensions review. The PIA has already fined 29 firms a total of £16,500 for late filing or failure to file details of how their individual pension re-

views are progressing.
Colette Bowe, chief execu tive of the PIA, has warned of a tougher PIA stance on the mis-selling review. She said:
"If we find that people are not devoting sufficient resources, or are failing to comply with the review, we will take whatever action is necessary to see that they conduct the review properly, including disciplinary action." The PIA can impose unlimited fines or ultimately expel a member from the industry.

The Securities and Futures Authority, which polices brokers and futures traders, said that six firms have offered compensation to investors.

Output prices lift shares to record

have dropped 29 per cent. In August, the year-on-year figure was a 22 per cent fall.

index closed 10.6 points higher at a record

4,038.7. The City was cheered by the prices figures and argued that they should lead to

lower prices on the high street.

Keith Davies, UK economist with

Fourcast, said: "These figures suggest that

the short-term inflationary backdrop in

coming months will be sufficiently

favourable to provide the Chancellor with

the excuse he needs (along with sterling's

strength) to resist the Governor's increas-

Separate figures published today by the British Retail Consortium appear to back

up this view. The latest BRC retail sales

monitor shows that sales continue to grow

ing calls for higher base rates."

month. Against a year ago, input prices healthily, but the rate of growth has

On the stock market, the FT-SE 100



Michael Doyle yesterday. The prosecution alleged that greed got the better of him

decelerated. In addition, price pressures fell for the third month running. Andrew Higginson, Chairman of the BRC's eco-

nomic affairs committee, said: "Fears of a

runaway consumer boom are misplaced."

a year ago. This compared with an annual

rise of 6.9 per cent in August and 6.5 per

cent across the summer as a whole. The

annual rate of retail goods inflation fell to

2.1 per cent in September, from 3.2 per cent

Andrew Sentance, chief economic advis-

er to the BRC, warned the Chancellor

against raising interest rates: "With little

room for tax cuts in the Budget, it would be

premature to push up interest rates to

choke off a consumer recovery that has

in June, the lowest level since early 1995.

The BRC said that the value of retail

Clarke lays down ERM line

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, yesterday insisted that membership of the European exchange-rate mechasales rose 5.2 per cent in September against nism was not a pre-condition for joining a single currency.

> European Union members. He was speaking after a meeting of European finance ministers at which the ERM question came to the fore because of Finland's weekend decision to join the system.

The Chancellor's remarks were in contrast to those of

nance Minister, who said that ERM membership was an "indispensable precondition" for joining the single currency. That view was echoed by the finance ministers of Italy. so placing Britain at odds with Finland and The Netherlands. Germany and many other

Alexandre Lamfalussy, head of the European Monetary Institute, said Sweden. also outside the mechanism, should join the ERM and be a member for two years. Britain and Sweden have argued that they could remain outside the ERM and still fulfil the stipulation of the Maastricht treaty Theo Waigel, Germany's Fi-that currencies should respect

normal fluctuation margins for two years. Sauli Niinisto, Finland's Fi-

nance Minister, said a a decision on the single currency would be made next year. The markka slipped seamlessly into the ERM system yesterday, trading little changed from Friday's close at 2.9880 to the mark.

The pound appreciated again yesterday, closing at 88.0 on its trade-weighted index compared with \$7.8 on

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barely started."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

ADM agrees \$100m

fines for price fixing

ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND, the American agricultural products company, has agreed to plead guilty to federal

products company, has agreed to plead guilty to tederal charges related to price fixing and to pay \$100 million in fines. ADM said that the agreement, which is subject to court approval, settles the US Justice Department's investigation of price fixing of feed additive lysine and citric acid, and closes a third inquiry, related to high-fructose corn syrup.

ADM said that it will pay a fine of \$70 million relating to lysine, an additive for animal feed, and \$30 million in connection with citric acid, used in various foods and drinks

connection with citric acid, used in various foods and drinks.

ADM said the agreement is a global resolution of all matters between Justice Department and ADM. It is not known

whether the Justice Department plans to charge executives.

Water stake 'not for sale'

WASTE MANAGEMENT International, whose US parent

Daewoo bid could bring jobs to Antrim

BY OLIVER AUGUST

DAEWOO, the Korean electronics company. is confident of acquiring part of Thomson, the French group, in a move that could bring up to 10,000 jobs to Northern Ireland. This week, the French

Government will an-nounce the result of the privatisation auction for Thomson Multi Media, manufacturer of branded television sets. Daewoo has said that it will invest £1.7 billion in its European research facilities, including its plant at Antrim, if

the bid is successful.

JB Chun, managing director of Daewoo Electronics Europe, insisted that the resumption of terrorist activity in Northern Ireland would not influence the group's decision to transfer more work to Antrim: "We are not worried about that. I have been involved in our operations in Northern Ireland since we hegan in 1989 and we have never been targeted or blackmailed."

In the auction for TMM. Daewoo is competing against Alcatel, the French consumer electronics group. Mr Chun said that he was confident of beating Alcatel because Daewoo is promising to invest heavily in TMM, while Alcatel's strategy would involve downsizing. Alcatel has also been rumoured to be considering moving TMM's head office to America.
The combined Daewoo-

Thomson group would aim to manufacture 15 million television sets annually in Europe.

Mr Chun said: "The cost of labour as a percentage of total cost has gone down to 5 per cent. So it is cheaper to build the televisions here than to build them in Korea and then bring them to Europe."

While the western European electronics market is stable. Daewoo wants to use the manufacturing base in France and Northern Ireland as a springboard for sales in Eastern



John Goodwin, left, chairman of Highland Distilleries, and Brian Ivory, chief executive, sampling products of the whisky company

Confusion marks start of Gas referral to MMC

By Christine Buckley, industrial corresponden

THE prices battle between British Gas and the industry regulator began its formal referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission yesterday amid confusion over the terms of reference.

Clare Spottiswoode, Director-General of Gas Supply, appeared to back down over earlier threats that if the company refused her last price proposals for TransCo. the pipelines business, thereby forcing an MMC referral. she would institute a harsher valuation of the business and

FORMER director of

Littlewoods is claiming £1.28

million from the company's

pensions trust for unpaid pen-

Prodip Guha, who was fired

two years ago for alleged gross

misconduct, is already suing

Littlewoods for wrongful dis-

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sion benefits.

beyond the question of pricing controls. While sticking with her last valuation of TransCo, a cru-.

possibly widen the inquiry

cial formula for British Gas's revenues, and not explicity widening the terms of reference, yesterday's referral nevertheless emphasised that the regulator was empowered to broaden the reference. This could be extended to include British Gas's exploration and production arm. British Gas believes that a

possible extension to the refer-

Ex-director sues for £1.28m

By Sarah Cunningham

launched a counter claim. The

dismissal of Mr Guha, who

was an international director

and deputy chief executive,

helped to bring to light a

power struggle within the

company between family

members and management. The struggle escalated as the National Lottery took footence would not have been mentioned had it not been in the regulator's mind to do so. A spokesman for Ofgas said that the terms would only be widened if the MMC asked for such a move.

The referral to the MMC has been triggered by British Gas's rejection of pricing proposals for TransCo. which would have cut domestic bills by £28 a year. The company has claimed that the harsher pricing controls mean that it would have to halve its

ball pools' business and culmi-

nated last year in a failed £1.1

million takeover bid by N Brown, the catalogue com-

pany, and Iceland, the frozen

The company declined to

comment on Mr Guha's ac-

tion against the Littlewoods

food retailer.

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Ms Spottiswoode set out her pround in the referral to the MMC by saying the present controls that govern Trans-Co's revenues were against the public interest. She said that they allowed the company to set higher prices than necessary, provided inappropriate incentives, failed to encourage competition in some areas and did not allow sufficient monitoring of TransCo's

spending.
Philip Rogerson, Deputy
Chairman of British Gas, said that the uncertainty over the terms of the reference added to the regulatory uncertainty in the industry.
He said: "We've had 15 to 16

months of discussion over this review and we are not clear about what will be presented to the MMC. This doesn't make for good regulatory practice. The MMC investigation is

expected to take six months. This week Ofgas is expected to deliver its final pricing posals for the supply side of British Gas's business, which cover its pricing to domestic customers

CLAIMS for damage to the fishing and tourism industries

after the holing of the Sea

Empress oil tanker off Milford

Haven are likely to total £20 million, it emerged yesterday.

Loss adjusters acting for

fishermen and workers in

shellfish processing said the oil spill had been "disastrous"

for the industry. Hoteliers.

owners and caravan sites

would be making smaller

claims because the summer

season had been better than expected, said a spokesman

for MPC, one of the leading

Hoteliers affected by the pollution disaster at the begin-

ning of the year met oil

industry officials yesterday to

Takeover costs hit Highland

THE takeover of Macailan-Glenlivet cut profits of High-land Distilleries by 14 per cent. Highland made pre-tax profits for the year to August 31 of £37.1 million, down from £42.9 million a year ago. Earnings were hit by a £3 million reorganisation charge which includes £2.3 million in payments to Macallan directors who have left and to 25 staff made redundant at Macallan's Craigellachie whisky plant, and £200,000 in Macallan bid defence costs.

Interest costs rose by £2.8 million, mainly because of carrying a 26 per cent share-holding in Macallan from January to August 12, when the acquisition, done in conjunction with Suntory of Japan, was completed.

The worse than expected results sent Highland shares down by 3 per cent, to 330p. UK sales of The Famous Grouse, Highland's main brand, fell by 3 per cent as the domestic whisky market shrank by 4 per cent. The brand's market share rose

from 13 to 13.3 per cent. Earnings per share fell to 20.1p. from 21.9p. The final dividend rises to 6.3p (6p), making 8.3p (7.9p).

discuss compensation for their summer losses. They claim

figures from the Wales tourist

board show demand for hotel

and guest house accommoda-

tion was 5 per cent down in

August, the fifth successive

month of decline. Some busi-

nesses have reportedly suf-fered a 20 per cent downturn. But MPC said a higher

number of day-trippers and families on weekend breaks

meant that the summer had

not been as bad as first

anticipated. Claims may be

reduced by up to 10 per cent if the body responsible for com-

pensation, the International

Oil Pollution Compensation

Fund, decides that poor wea-

ther kept away tourists.

owns 20 per cent of Wessex Water, yesterday stood by the holding amid reports that disposals may be imminent. The company, which reported a 7.9 per cent increase in third-quarter pre-tax profits to £42.8 million, said the position was unchanged from a statement in the summer that the stake was not about to be sold. Speculation has surrounded the WMX Technologies holding since WMX appointed a chief executive, Philip Rooney, who indicated that non-core operations could

SHARES of Fiat, the Italian car manufacturer, yesterday fell to their lowest price for almost three years and a lack of consumer confidence in its domestic market and worries about the impact on exports from the high value of the lira. The shares fell below the 4,000 lire (about £1.50) level to close down 1.49 per cent at 3.964 lire, their lowest since December 1993. Italy's car market has struggled to recover from recession and sales look set to fall below the levels of 1993. Consumer confidence has been further unsettled by worries over a new Eurotax, part of Italy's tough 1997 financial budget package.

be sold. Wessex is bidding for South West Water.

Rocky road for Fiat

French telecoms plan

GENERALE DES EAUX, the French diversified utility. hopes British Telecom will join it and Mannesmann, of Germany, to run the telecommunications operations of SNCF, the state-owned railway company. Generalé des Eaux made a formal bid for the operations yesterday with its German partner. Bouygues, the construction to media group, has tabled a rival offer in partnership with Stet, of Italy. France plans to deregulate the telecommunications regime in 1998, breaking the domestic monopoly of state-owned France Telecom to comply with European Union rules.

Racal in MoD talks

THE Ministry of Defence has entered into contract negotiations with Racal Radar Defence Systems as prime contractor for the radar and mission system upgrade of the Royal Navy's Sea King helicopter, for early warning application. This closely follows the choice of Racal's Searchwater 2000 maritime reconnaissance radar for the Royal Air Force's replacement for its Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft. Recent selections are expected to result in orders worth more than £150 million to Racal once contract negotiations have been completed.

Gas pipeline go-ahead

CONSTRUCTION began yesterday on the Interconnector gas pipeline that will link Britain with continental Europe. The £460 million project will carry up to 20 billion cubic metres of natural gas a year from the terminal at Bacton. Norfolk, to Zeebrugge. About 8.5 billion cubic metres a year will flow in the opposite direction. Partners in the Interconnector consortium are British Gas. BP, National of Belgium, Ruhrgas of Germany and Amerada Hess of a

Chrysler sets record

CHRYSLER Corp. the American automotive company. reported a 92 per cent rise in profits for the third quarter as a surge in sales of cars, trucks and minivans boosted results to record levels. The company earned \$680 million, compared with profits of \$354 million. Revenues climbed to \$14.4 billion, a third-quarter record and an increase of \$2.4 billion, or 20 per cent, over the same period last year. Chrysler repurchased \$452 million of its common stock in the quarter. The company initiated a \$2 billion common stock buyback for 1996, and expects to repurchase an additional \$1 billion in 1997.

Spanish sell-off

THE Spanish Government proposes to relinquish its outstanding holdings in Telefonica, the telecommunications company, and Argentaria, the financial services company, next year, Josep Pique, the Industry Minister, said yesterday. The Spanish State has about a 25 per cent stake in Argentaria and about 21 per cent of Telefonica. Señor Pique said the Government also plans to sell its remaining 10 per cent stake in Repsol, the oil company, next spring. The state is also considering the sale of part of its near-67 per cent holding in Empresa Nacional de Electricidad.

Tax plea to Chancellor

TAX RELIEF on Tessa schemes should be diverted to subsidise long-term care plans by making contributions tax deductible, the Association of Consulting Actuaries advises the Chancellor, it also wants greater flexibility for personal pensions and additional voluntary contributions to be diverted to linancing care. Taxation on pensions needs to be simplified if more employers are not to opt out of final salary schemes, the association argues in its pre-Budget submission. It wants to restore the 1993 cut in the dividend tax that could be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue by pension funds.

WDA plans to lift exports

Oil spill payouts

could total £20m

By Marianne Curphey

BY IOLA SMITH

THE Welsh Development Agency has appointed Tom Myerscough, chairman of Courtaulds Japan, to help to boost exports of Welsh automotive components to Japan. Automotive components is the largest manufacturing sector in Wales. The sector's 150 companies employ 20,000

people and generate £1.8 bil-

ion of sales a year. The agency believes that a further £6.25 million could be generated

annually by sales to Japan. Dr Myerscough has already led initiatives to export British automotive components and textiles to Japan under the Department of Trade and Industry's Action Japan ex-

Sixty names seek talks over demands

Lloyd's to issue more writs

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London is pre-paring to issue a second batch of writs in its efforts to recover £500 million in outstanding-

Names in Canada are likely to feature in the latest denands for payment, expected within the next ten days. Tony Gooda, the former

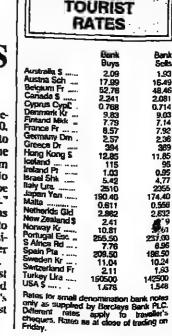
Lloyd's underwriter, and Robin Kingsley, chairman of the Lime Street Agency, are among Lloyd's personalities to feature in the first batch of 240 writs, issued last week. They are being pursued for £1.67 million and £1.26 million

respectively. Names have reacted angrily to the demands. questioning the validity of the At least 60 names have ap-

proached Lloyd's requesting talks. Rupert Galliers-Pratt, who featured in the initial tranche of writs, said he was willing to pay once the amount involved had been established. Mr Galliers-Pratt, an Old Etonian, said: "I've had three different estimates of amounts owing to me. Tell me which one it is, and I'll send them a cheque." The writ cites a figure of £50,000.

Sally Noel, who faces a demand for nearly £300,000. said she would continue to resist calls for payment. She said: "They are pulling them [the figures] out of the sky. No other business would be allowed to get away with it." Mrs Noel claims she was fraudulently recruited on to two high-risk Lloyd's syndicates. She publicly cut up her

34-page writ at the weekend. The first action against names in America is expected in early November. Lloyd's hopes to have the first test cases in court by Christmas.





the consumer rather than deter a purchase This is one reason the

industry has avoided the sort of

cost-conscious rationalisation

that has befallen other industries

and managed to remain true to

One of the few incursions from the real world was the cold-blooded swrop on Macallan-

Glenliver by Highland Distilleries in July and its inevitable

chaser, the sacking of almost half

the former's Speyside workforce.

What was interesting was the

timing of Highland's move. The whisky industry had endured three winters of price wars. Christmas 1994 having been particularly awful.

While the best whiskies have always maintained their dis-tance from the common herd, the

cuts among cheaper brands had

an unexpected effect. The entire

pack shuffled back in price;

aristocratic single malts used to commanding \$20 or more suf-lered the indignity of being

chopped out by the big super-markets at 30 quid for two.

By last summer the worst of

the damage was over, some

single-digit price rises had been

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debt. had slower growth in sales this year. Although the demand for computer chips group's volume distribution business have fallen because of overcapacity.
These problems and £7.7

million of reorganisation costs restricted Premier Farnell to first-half pre-tax profits of £56.1 million. The original

Prism on the track of £12m

PRISM RAIL, the consortium formed to bid for the newly privatised rail franchises, launched a £12.4 million rights issue yesterday as it began operating two new routes (Christine

Buckley writes).
Prism, which already operates LTS Rail, now runs SW&W Railway. covering the western, southern and London Midland regions of British Rail. and Cardiff Railways. Its rights issue — at 240p on an 11 for 26 basis — was mounted to fund capital requirements for franchises.

Prism, the only quoted company to specialise in rail transport, is on the shortlist to bid for four more regional franchises - CrossCountry Trains: Merseyrail Electrics: Anglia Railway Train Services and West Anglia Great Northern Railway. Prism indicated a profit projection for the year to March of £8 million.

and retained a healthy level of interest cover. Jardinerie seeks

growth in float By Sarah Cunningham

JARDINERIE Interiors raised from the flotation will Group, which hires, sells and maintains indoor plants for businesses, hopes to raise up to • £4.3 million when it joins the Alternative Investment Mar-

ket at the end of this month. Most of money will be used to buy Tropical Plants Display and Office Landscaping. The -acquisitions will more than double the group's turnover And will make it the second-largest player in the UK

market, behind Rentokill. William Braid, chief executive, said that the acquisitions are agreed and are dependant only on the listing. The two businesses will cost a little less than £4 million. The money

also be used to redeem around £300,000 worth of preference shares held by 3i, the venture capital group.

The shares will be issued at II-1p and the market capitalisation will be £10.2 million. The group - including the two acquisitions yet to be completed - turned over about £6.13 million and made a profit of £1.14 million in the year to September 30. On its own, Jardinerie Interiors had turnover of £2.9 million. Mr Braid said that he expects turnover this year to top £6.5 million.

Trading in the company's shares is due to begin on

☐ Worries over whisky sales ☐ Purge in wake of Peter Young affair ☐ Labour's election odds fall ☐ PREMIUM scotch whisky is at first glance one of those curious markets — children's safety equipment is one of the few others to spring to mind — where high prices may attract the consumer rather than the consumer than t

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Grain of hope in overseas markets

industry had decided to go into this pre-Christmas selling sea-son with a united from Yesterday's figures from Highland Distillers suggest this may not be easy. The industry has seen a 4 per cent fall in sales in Britain over the past year, suggesting the gradual decline in whisky drinking over the past couple of decades is accelerating. It may be that the earlier price cuts slowed the natural decline, and volume is now being sacrificed in return for higher prices. But it would not take much for one producer to break ranks and start the downward spiral again - to the customer's benefit and the in-

dustry's ruin. Highland has a poor record for diversifying; it is not too many years since a daft venture into mushroom farming and a particularly hideous sentch-and-orange concoction for the youth market. The company is now producing its own gin, as yet an unproven quantity, and a special Famous Grouse brand for the Far East It now exports one buttle of Famous Grouse, its single-digit price rises had been main seller, for each one that hammered through, and the stays in this country. The in-

dustry's salvation is going to be in markets such as India, China and South America, where whisky is often drunk, horror or horrors, with Coke or another mixer. Consumers seem strangely unconcerned whether the label features a sprig of heather or a tam-o'-shanter, cither. They may be young, a market Highland and its rivals find it hard to attract on their

home turf. Some of the international drinks groups have already latched on to this and directed their advertising accordingly. The smaller producers will ultimately have to do the same.

Don't spare the axe at MGAM

D FOR a while it seemed we were heading for yet another messy City cover-up. The pattern is familiar: hundreds of millions go missing from the vaults of Megabank, and after weeks of tentiling through the details of trawling through the details, a far-reaching purge is announced. The man in charge of ordering paperclips is fired, the

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tea-lady demoted. The head of the department settles back to sleep again. Either today or tomorrow, the

purge of senior executives at Morgan Grenfell Asset Manage-ment in the wake of the Peter foung affair will be announced. Mr Young was a star among fund managers, not usually, admittedly, a charismatic breed, for his ability to pick winners. As it turned out, some of the valuations he put on his successes were dubious, and his investment strategy run counter to both MGAM house rules and common sense.

Now Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, owner of the fund manager, must decide how far up the managerial chain the axe should

go. Already identified are the compliance director - fair enough, as the internal policeman he must attract some blame
— and two of Mr Young's immediate bosses. As yet unconfirmed is the departure of Keith Percy, the chief executive and therefore the man at the top of the food chain at MGAM.

Mr Percy is an amiable and popular man, but his name must be on that list. He might go of his own accord, rather than work under his replacement, it is suggested. But to omit him would make a mockery of this summer's Securities and Futures Authority guidelines, put out after Barings and the survival of the two men at the top, Peter Baring and Andrew Tuckey, with their respective fortunes intact. These say a senior exec-utive's ignorance of wrong-doing by subordinates is not enough to absolve him or her from blame. The same line was adopted by Imro, Morgan Grenfell's regulator, in the case of Jardine Fleming in Hong Kong.

Ahead of a decision on what to

do with Mr Young himself, such

going right to the top and no handsome pay-offs or "con-sultancy" deals either, would seem to confirm this doctrine.

City dusts off the Tories

THOPE is at hand for Conservative Central Office. Each month, Merrill Lynch asks fund managers responsible for more than \$1,000 billion which party they think will have the most seats in the next Parliament. Each month so far this year somewhere between 42 and 99 per cent have given their un-sentimental vote to Labour. At the beginning, Merrill confesses. only one person in their sample reckoned the Tories would still hang on after the election.

All this has suddenly changed. A pell of 70 of these financial eminences grise taken after Labour's conference and during that of the Tories found eight fund managers backing another Tory plurality, Labour's odds-on dominance is down to 89 per cent. But does this matter any more? In 1942, something like an

evens chance of a Labour victory produced sweaty palpitations on in exchanges. In part, Labour ! is now favourite because it has

few non-Tory financial policies.
Only utility stocks, pariahs ahead of Labour's posturing on "windfall" tax, have on the whole become less unpopular among the Neros of the investment world than over the spring and summer. They are still far from being flavour of the month.

Being within infection range of the Bank of England, fund managers are more worried about inflation. They think shortterm interest rates will have to go up, albeit modestly, after the election. Like a new boss charging anything possible to last year's accounts, new Labour is more likely to raise rates in-stantly and blame the Tories. New Labour, new orthodoxy.

Smokers welcome

DA PRO-SMOKING action group has provided a travel guide that includes a list of tobacco-friendly health clubs and a restaurant where you are encouraged to light up, which doesn't say much for the cooking. Next off the presses is the William Hill nap of three-legged horses. Douglas Hogg on carefree beef farming - and Peter Young's selection of the world's finest unlisted securities.

Sluggish markets hold back Premier

By Paul Durman

PREMIER Farnell, the elec-Farnell business increased its tronic components distributor operating profits from £32.9 formed from a £1.85 billion million to £36 million on sales nearly 10 per cent higher at £277.3 million. The US-based takeover, is still being held back by sluggish markets and can see no sign of any short-Premier Industrial was included only from its acquisiterm revival. The company, now bur-dened with E410 million of tion in April, but made an opening contribution to oper-

ating profits of £33.9 million. Farnell's US business has been moved to Chicago, the Electronics, while Newark's European arm has relocated to Leeds. These changes and the elimination of head office duplication have cost about

Copies of Farnell's catalogue of products have been sent out to Newark's custom ers and have prompted a promising level of new orders. Newark's catalogue is being sent to Farnell's customers for the first time this week.

The main impact from the market pressures was felt at Farnell Electronic Services, the volume component distributor. Management in Germany and Italy, where the group made lower profits, has been changed. Farnell in-creased sales and profits in the UK in spite of lower gross

margins. Farnell Components, the catalogue arm, continued to improve sales and profits although at a slower rate. Catalogue sales represent just over half the group's annual sales of almost £1.1 billion.

CPC, which distributes spares and accessories for consumer electronic goods. produced "excellent" results. beating its profit targets.

After adjusting for rationalisation costs and other one-off items, reported earnings fell 6 per cent to lop a share. The company is increasing its interim dividend 19 per cent

to 5.2p a share. It will be paid on December 2. The company has paid off £50 million of borrowings.

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Shares reach record high as factory prices rise

INVESTORS on both sides of the Atlantic were on a roll again yesterday with share prices hitting new heights in London and New York.

The better than expected factory gate prices provided a new lease of life to London. allowing the FT-SE 100 index to claw back an early fall of 11

A strong opening rise on Wall Street that saw the Dow Jones average climb back above the 6,000 level enabled London to finish just below its best of the day, 10.6 points stronger at a closing high of 4,038.7. That compares with the all-time high of 4,046.8 earlier this month.

But with the US bond market closed for the Columbus Day celebrations, turnover generally slipped to a low ebb. By the close of business in London less than 600 million shares had changed hands.

It seems even the big boys are taking an increasingly bullish view of prospects for investors with the likes of BZW. London's biggest securities house, lifting its year-end forecast for the FT-SE 100.

BZW has raised its estimate from 3,750 to 3,900 with 4,300 already pencilled in for 1997. BZW says that the equity market is now beginning to look attractive after the recent sharp rise in the gilt market.

British Gas fell 4p to 18412p after the industry regulator referred the price control of British Gas and its TransCo subsidiary to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It follows British Gas's rejection

of price controls. Early attention focused on the financial sector where shares of the insurance composites were being chased higher. Speculative buying pushed Commercial Union up 9¹₃p to a new high of 67712p amid suggestions that the group was in talks with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank, about a possible merger.

Others to go better included General Accident 412p to 74312p and Guardian Royal Exchange 2p to 27412p, while among the life assurance companies Lloyds Abbey, the subject of a minority bid from dyds TSB, rose op to 646p Britannic 3p to 729p, and United Friendly 'B' 612p to

87712p. Blenheim, the exhibitions group, stumbled 1012p to 4731ap as the expected bid from United News & Media.

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Go-Ahead rose 612p, with Thames Trains franchise completed

failed to materialise. Weekend reports suggested Reed Elsevier had decided against making a bid for Blenheim. Last week, VNU, the Dutch publisher, paid 500p a share for a 14.99 per cent stake in

Blenheim. Takeover favourite Manchester United received a further boost with the shares soaring 49p to 559p on the

697n, Martin Edwards, chief exective of Manchester United, has attempted to play the bid story down.

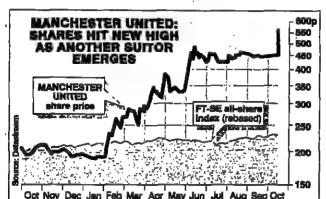
A recent visit by brokers uricor. up 1012p at 290p. Last week's visit also coincided with a "buy" recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite. the broker. Henderson points out that on turnover of £1.2

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, is recommending Smiths industries ahead of half-year figures tomorrow. It is looking for pre-tax profits to grow from £163 million to £188 million and says the group can easily achieve earnings growth of between 12 and to 15 per cent a year. The shares rose 131ap to 790p.

back of weekend reports that IMG, the sports marketing group headed by Mark McCormack, was also interested in making a bid.

City speculators became excited last week by a report in The Times that the league and cup double champions might soon find themselves on the receiving end of bids from Granada, up 9p at 880p, and Whitbread, 112p firmer at billion the group is still only making profits of £43 million. Any steps taken to strengthen

Highland Distilleries has paid a high price for acquiring Macallan as half-year figures revealed. Write-offs totalling £3 million relating to the subsequent reorganisation took their toll on profits, which slumped from £42.9 million to



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merged Premier Farnell nursing a fall of 2012p at 660p. Howard Poulson, chief executive, gave warning that condi-tions were likely to remain subdued well into next year.

Volume distribution was struggling. It was not what the market wanted to hear. Brokers are already aware that the acquisition of Premier will lead to earnings dilution in the current year and the drop in interim profits will not boost

Go-Ahead, the bus operator, rose 612p to 384p as brokers continued to ponder the benefits of the group being awarded the Thames Trains franchise. The deal has now

been completed. Waste Management International marked time at 292p after reporting a near 8 per cent increase in third-quarter profits to £42.8 million.

Airtours raced up a further 1512p to 622p as brokers continued to calculate the benefits of the group's first expansion move into the US with the creation of a new subsidiary in California. ☐ GILT-EDGED: The London bond market made headway but with the US

bond market closed, turnover fell way below recent levels. The best performances were seen in index-linked issues still reflecting on Friday's unexpected half-point jump in the

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Battles in the air

FOR British Airways, the bld for Air Liberte is a sideshow compared with its designs on the North Atlantic. The French carrier is minuscule, carrying 26 million passengers a year, a small fraction of the 100 million passengers that BA feeds through its global alliance. Nevertheless BA's aggressive pursuit of the French internal market is interesting in that it demonstrates the desperate pursuit of volume that has become the airline business.

Combining Air Liberté and BA's French carrier, TAT, would give the British airline over a fifth of the French domestic market and useful slots at Orly Airport. Success by BA in its bid for Liberté would also remove a threat to the future of TAT from AOM, the rival airline owned by Crédit Lyonnais and currently up for sale as part of the rescue plan for the bank. Plans have been mooted for a

"French solution" combining AOM and Liberte, a merger that would lumber TAT with a state-subsidised hydra as competitor.

A mini-merger in France is nothing to the potential to increase volume and reduce overheads on the BA and American Airline routes on the North Atlantic, Already, some City analysts are suggesting a E7 share price for BA if the deal goes through. In fact, no one has a clue what the potential benefits of co-operating will be, other than obvious gains from putting larger planes on busy routes. BA suggests it makes \$100 million from its tie-up from USAir, a less attractive alliance. If positive news on the North Atlantic is followed by share euphoria. it may prove an opportunity to sell. BA is being sued by USAir and another writ from Virgin may not be far behind.

Premier Farnell

SIX MONTHS after its £1.9 billion takeover of Premier Industrial, the central question about Farnell remains unanswered. Was the American deal a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity or a regrettable act of corporate machismo?

Yesterday's first-half figures provided few clues. The renamed Premier Farnell gave little information about the performance of Premier - even though the US business contributed as much in three and a half months as the old Farnell business made in the entire first half. If the management wants to convince investors, at the very least it should provide better information.

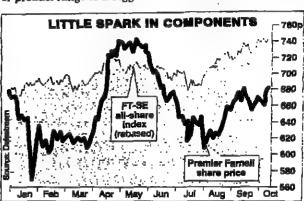
The news on trading was mostly bad. Sales growth has slowed - particularly in the volume business with manufacturers, but also in higher

margin catalogue sales to smaller customers. The good news is that the catalogue business, which now represents more than half of group sales and 70 per cent of profits, is apparently sheltered from the weakness in

semiconductor prices. Enthusiasts point to the opportunity of selling a wider product range to a bigger

customer list. Even so. just how many varieties of computer chip do its customers need? The danger is that a sale to a Premier client could be a sale lost to Farnell.

The erratic share price suggests that the jury is still out. Uncommitted investors may choose to watch this particular show from the sidelines.



Philips

WITHIN yesterday's profit warning from Philips came the veiled threat of further action to reduce costs at the Dutch electronics group. In July, Philips set aside Dfi 760 million to restructure its consumer electronics businesses and predicted the loss of 6,000 jobs, about 2 per cent of the workforce. The problems are well understood: falling product prices and high labour costs in continental Europe. The solution is to shift manufacturing to lower cost areas and outsource more components but sacking people in France and Belgium is expensive.

Having bitten the bullet, Philips may now want to cut deeper into its consumer businesses. But the Dutch company's troubles go further; the semiconductor industry is in a cyclical downturn and although Philips is not producing com-modity products, it will suffer from industry destocking.

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As if that were not enough. Philips has added to its own problems by making a pitch for a share in the mobile phone market, another industry where product prices are falling and volume growth is slowing. Being a late entrant to the portable phone business adds nothing to Philips which needs to trim, rather than add to its product range. But, like a number of other Dutch manulacturing giants, the com-pany is not known to be fleet

Prism Rail

could be a long haul.

IF Prism's cash-raising goes well, it will in part be due to the success of Stagecoach, now a rival train operator. zeal has done much to turn the City's attitude to road and rail transport from contempcal enthusiasm. The mood was reinforced by the underpricing of Railtrack and in-

of foot. This restructuring

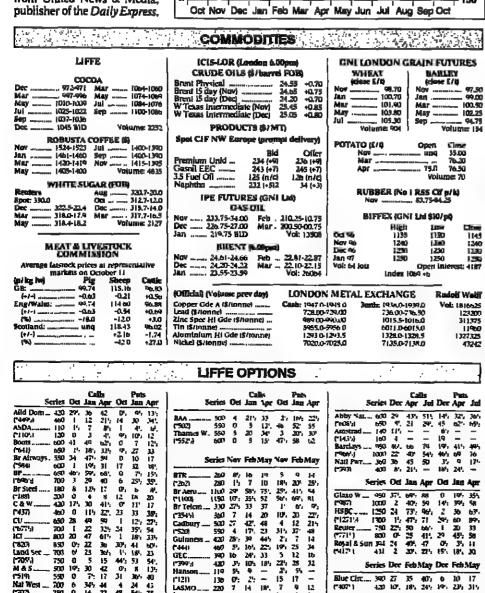
vestors now believe there is money in rail.

Prism Rail has enjoy a warm reception on the Alternative Investment Market: its share price has more than doubled in a year. The rights issue will fund the capital requirements for two franchises that will supplement an existing one. The expansion that was formalised yesterday should continue with Prism in the running for four more tenders. Short-term City interest is expected to sustain its programme . . . at least until a change of government brings in a new policy for the railways.

Government subsidies and revenue guarantees are what makes rail a safe bet. The Labour party's abrupt removal of its last transport vestors have less to fear. At ment in the network.

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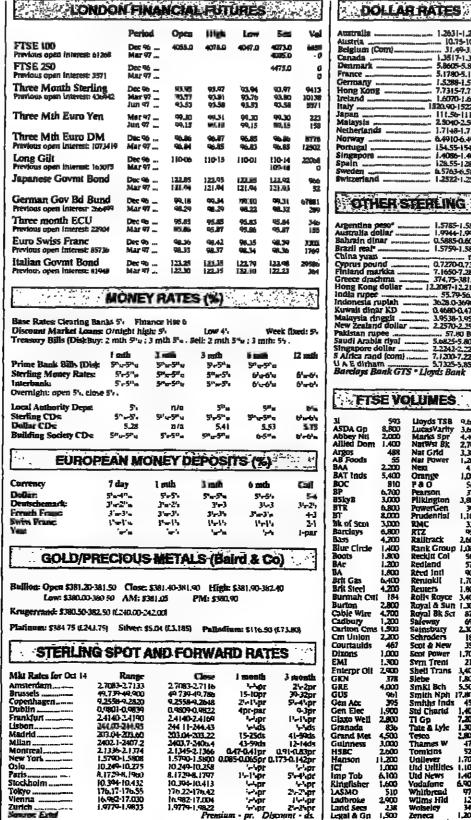
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HSBC's Lord of the Rings

HSBC shareholders should be watchful when next year's pay packages are revealed. Last time the board tried to award itself a tidy (16 million for modest improvements. Now it has hired a relative of the fantasy novel writer J. R. R. Tolkien. Richard Folkien. HSBC's new Lord of the Rings, will work his magic with numhers in the international corporate finance department. He is escaping from the evil spell cast on Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. where he was head of global utilities.

Naked ambition

THERE is money in pup music. Nick Thorp and Miggi Drummond, formerly members of Curiosity Killed the Cat. have sold their own record label. Naked Records, to Eldes for £250,000. Eldes, the multimedia and entertainment software company, claims Naked will become the world's first interactive record label.

An open book

COLIN SHARMAN, senior partner of KPMG. was up a ladder in Bishopsgate vesterday to herald a El million advertising campaign. Adver-tisements using books. ledgers and computer printouts arranged to form the words "open" are running in newspapers, and will be displayed on poster sites. KPMG is seeking to cupitalise on its decision to turn its audit arm into a limited company - open for business, but not open law suits (or so the hope).



Grounded?

THE course of British Airway's global strategy has never run smoothly. No sooner had BA announced its plans to expand in France through the proposed purchase of Air Liberte, which filed for insolvency protection last month, than the French civil aviation authority asked all airlines to limit the number of flights in and out of France on Thursday, French air traffic controllers are again on the warpath protesting Igainst the Government's austerity budget for 1997.

All bets on

JONATHAN SPARKE. who runs the adventurous Spread Betting Agency City Index. has announced this week that he will be merging with Sporting Index his main rival. Sparke has quoted prices in everything from the Dow and FT to sugar futures. Once in Dubai, for the camel races, he met the hero of the autumn Frankie Dettori. "Tomorrow, I show you Dubai." Dettori told him. "All that involved", said Sparke, "was getting into a sheikh's limmo and visiting the local caviar emporium. and then returning to the

NO STOPPING Lloyd's of London. It has taken a stand for the first time at the International Motor Show in Birmingham - a means of reminding ople that one in six cars on the road in the UK is covered by a Lloyd's policy. The centrepiece of the Lloyd's stand is a McLaren FI GTR sports car - decked in Lloyd's

colours.

When it comes to job creation America wins hands down

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Tory claims on

employment

compare badly with US exploits.

says Philip Bassett

unchtime. Bournemouth, the retirement centre of Britain's south coast. Inside the towndeentre Burger King Chris Butler, the assistant manager, is serving fries and hamburgers, taking phone calls, making sure table clearers such as teerager Sarah Edmunds keep gring, keep eleaning,

Prompted, no doubt, by the fast-fext firm's slogan offering genuine customer choice - "You want it - you got it!" - a young mother in a Calvin Klein Tshirt asks him if she could warm a bonie of milk for her haby. She is refused. The haby carries on crying.

As counter staff rush to keep up with the demand for hurgers and milk shakes, Mr Butler - early 20s, with deep lines under his eyes - is encouraging one teenage hamburger flipper by throwing an arm across his shoulders, while shouting for another: "Where? Why isn't he here? I want him serving here now!"

Lunchtime. St Petershurg - not the one in Russia but a retirement centre on the Gulf of Mexico in Florida, US. Inside the Burger King, opposite the town's Tyrone Square shopping mall. Rick Wood, the manager, is marshalling his team of burger jockeys, who are nonceably all much older than their Bournemouth counterparts, with the jobs filled by middle-aged black women and white women in their 60s.

The work, and the noise, is internaional. "What, honey?" "That's a Double Whopper", "There you go - \$3.99",
"OK! you're all set!", "Fries here!",
"That's double!", the inevitable "Thank you, have a good day", and "You want

Once, Conservative ministers used to relish the comparison between Britain and America over jobs, holding out the vision of the UK as a mini-US: flexible labour markets, service-sector dominance, Burger King pacing Burger King across the pond.

Not any more. In spite of the sensitivity of the issue in Tory circles. Europe is now the favoured benchmark, with Gillian Shephard, Employment and Education Secretary, in particular banging the UK drum across the Channel, as she did in Bournemouth last week at the party conference: "We attract more inward investment, more jobs than any other EU country, because of our flexible and deregulated labour market."

In America, since Bill Clinton took office in 1992, 10 million jobs have been created. As Al Gore, his campaign running-mate, emphasised in a vicepresidential debate televised live across America last week from St Petersburg: "We want the focus to be on millions more jobs - and we are confident it is going to happen."

Whatever its claims for Britain's economic performance under the Conservatives, the Government simply can't match that - or anything anywhere like it. Compared to the EU. the UK's job record — especially on unemployment — is good. But not over the long-term, compared to the US. Tomorrow. Conservative ministers

will be hoping to announce a further fall in UK unemployment after last month's 15,600 drop. They will certainly be hoping that the UK doesn't emulate the US's most recent job performance ten days ago - instead of a forecasted further rise of 170,000 jobs. monthly employment figures revealed

US SERVES THE JOBLESS BETTER EMPLOYMENT



a surprise overall 40,000 fall for the

first time since January, with manufac-turing particularly hard-hit, losing 57,000 jobs. Unemployment rose from

But the markets liked it, viewing it as an indicator of the economy slowing after perhaps over-buoyant growth. Even Robert Reich, the US Labour Secretary, welcomed it: "We had to have a slight deceleration in the economic locomotive to make it

In other ways, Britain is still drawing from America, Labour's welfare-towork programme is rooted in Bill Clinton's "tough love" welfare-to-work initiative, and Mrs Shephard's new expansion of her Project Work scheme from pilots in Hull and Kent to a much larger test of 100,000 people across the country is taking Tory labour market policy even closer to the harder end of US workfare schemes, in spite of real reservations in Conservative ranks.

The UK-US link used to be much more comfortable for the Tories. In the Reagan-Bush years, entrepreneurial America encapsulated the kind of deregulated labour market that ideologically the Conservatives wanted to see in Britain. But the election of Bill Clinton upset that particular apple cart: operationally, the US job market is still highly deregulated, especially compared to Europe - but labour market intervention and regulation

have grown under the Clinton administration, with new training schemes, welfare reform, pro-union legislation and, in particular, an increase in the national minimum wage. And jobs have still gone up.

Since 1979, when the Tories came to power, Britain has, overall, been poor at job creation - mainly because the two deep recessions of the early 1980s and 1990s were good at job destruction (though in the States, new research by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology demonstrates that links between siness cycles and job creation laded in the 1980s and beyond).

Trom 1979 to 1996, UK employment grew overall by just 300,000, or 1.2 per cent. Over the same period, employment across all EU countries rose by 7.5 per cent, across all OECD member states by 24 per cent, and in the US by 28 per cent, with America putting on more than 27 million jobs.

Britain's unemployment perfor-mance overall is not much better. Throughout the lifetime of the Conservarive Government, unemployment rose and fell but has ended up 1.1 million higher than it was, double the number when it came to power. This 100 per cent rise is broadly in line with the OECD average, and well behind the 166 per cent increase for the EU as a whole. But it falls well behind the much

more limited increase in US unemploy ment, which has risen 20 per cent since 1979. The record has been better in recent times. On unemployment, since the 1992 general election and Clinton's election later the same year, the number without work in America has fallen by 23 million, and by well over 600,000 in the UK - \$70,000 lower

than its last peak in December 1942. At

the same time, unemployment has

gone up by 2 million across the OECD

as a whole, and by as much as 3.1 million in the EU. With a 21 per cent fall, Britain's unemployment record since 1992 far nutstrips the rise in joblessness of 6.3 per cent for the OECD, and as much as 19 per cent for the EU, and is not too far

short of the 24 per cent drop in the US. But, on employment, Britain's jobcreation record is a poor 0.4 per cent. and even that is arguable since it depends on what figures are used to measure the increase. By contrast, although jobs across the EU have fallen since 1992 with a 24 million or 16 per cent drop, OECD countries overall have created 15.4 million jobs, up 4 per cent, mainly pushed by Jupan and the emerging economies, and the US has seen a 6.0 per cent increase.

That has happened in Britain, as opposed to major competitors like the US, is wimply left the labour market become "economically inactive", as the statisticians like to call it. Since 1992, Britain's labour force has shrunk down by more than 600,000 or 2.1 per cent, at a time when the US labour force has risen by 5.5 million, or 4.3 per cent, and even the EU has seen a 0.5 per cent increase in its workforce.

Economists regard Britain's declining workforce total as potentially threatening, with implications for its output and future growth that are concerning policymakers.

In the US, right-wing business leaders opposed to Clinton's re-election are scathing about the administration's claims over jobs, arguing that the job growth since 1992 is nothing to do with the federal government, and, if anything, may have been limited by it. They maintain that it is largely, if not wholly, due to a few key businessmen restoring corporate America by tough, downsizing decisions that have led — and are still leading — to big layoffs, but which have the effect of keeping threatened companies alive.

Whatever the reason, job growth during the Clinton years has been startling, far outpacing the much smaller degree of employment growth in Britain, although unemployment been similar. That makes for parallels that are much more uncomfortable for UK ministers than they used to be.

Meanwhile, back at Burger King in St Petersburg, four enterprising Florida teenagers are creating work for themselves by capitalising on the endless stream of cars in and out of the parking lot - offering to wash customers' cars while they're dining, and, in the process, getting in good training for the Tampa Bay Miss Wet T-Shirt contest. to the admiring stares of teenage boys sucking milk shakes.

At Burger King in Bournemouth, such entrepreneurship looks a little distant. Instead, Chris Butler and his crew use the front windows of the restaurant to try to drum up staff. Headlined in a neat twist on the company's slogan "You got it - we want iti", a poster says: "Whether you looking for full-time or part-time work, we may have a job for you."

With unemployment in the area below the national average, this particular lunchtime there are no obvious takers to join the UK's more limited version of the



Don't bait the Bundesbank

unwise, even when you believe that the beast is securely chained, The same maxim applies to annoying the Bundesbank, especially if you are a politician or investor. In the past few weeks, however, large numbers of financial speculators and a handful of European leaders seem to have forgotten about the vicious maulings inflicted by the German monetary watchdog on their older and now wiser brethren.

Since the end of September, when the Italian Govamazing "budget for Europe", continental mar-kets have taken off for a fiesta at Club Med - or should I say Club Mad? Hedge funds have been

bidding up Italian and Spanish bond prices to undreamt-of levels, and investment analysts have been outbidding each other with forecasts of the effortless fortunes their clients could make by piling into bullish French long-term interest rates have undercut those of Germany by a substantial margin and the market's near-universal view is that confidence will move even further in favour of France. Meanwhile Romano Prodi, the Italian prime minister, is boasting openly about his use of accounting tricks to hit the Maastricht targets. "If the French can get away with it, we can show them a trick or two," he said last week in an interview with the Financial Times.

In fact, the markets no longer seem to care whether Chub Med countries will actually hit their targets. The decision will be made by politicians, not central bankers", is the market's The Bundesbank has pre-

dictably started growling. On Monday and Tuesday last week, three of its directors, led by Hans Tietmeyer, delivered powerful speeches about the dangers of softening the Masstricht criteria in any way to allow a wider circle of countries into EMU's first round. The markets paid no attention. Now, politicians have been wheeled out.

On Saturday, taking advantage of Finland's decision to join the European exchange-rate mechanism. Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, drew attention to Italy's inability to agree with its partners on readmission to the ERM. ERM membership was an "indispensable condition" for joining the single curren-cy, he said. Yesterday, Juergen Stark, the Finance Ministry's permanent secre-

"one-off fiscal consulidation" to comply with the lener of Maastricht would "not be enough in a historical project of these dimen-sions". Since this is exactly what the Club Med countries seem to be trying to do. the implication could not have been clearer. Why have the markets

continued to ignore such warnings, which might have provoked panic selling a few months back? There are two good reasons and two bad. The good reasons are economic, Italy has the world's biggest current account surplus, relative to its GDP. It also stands to benefit enormously from any reduction in interest rates - ironically. because its public debt is so huge. Italy's debt is roughly 120 per cent of GDP mostly financed at short-term rates. This means that a three percentage point reduction in Italian rates would reduce the Government's debi service costs by 3.6 per cent of GDP and thereby climideficit. Italy could therefore benefit more than any other country in Europe from a virtuous circle of lower interest rates, budgetary credibil-ity and still lower interest

The trouble with such virtuous circles, however, is that it can easily go into reverse. (Remember all those "golden scenarios" when Italy and Britain first joined the ERM?) This brings me to the two bad reasons for the market's selfcontempt for the German warnings. The first bad reason is, Italian politics. The markets are assuming that italy's budgetary "fundamentals" will improve, even if the country does not get into EMU in 1999.

But is it realistic to believe that Italy's quarrelsome politicians will continue to back Signor Prodi's painful budget cuts, even if if they are obviously falling their stated purpose of getting Italy into EMU? What happens if. instead, the disappointed taxpayers demand a refund of the special "tax for Europe"?

At present, investors are not even considering such questions. The reason is that people have had such fun and made so much money in Club Med markets, they are intoxicated by greed. But as the speculators and

politicians revel, the Rottweiler's growl is getting angrier, just as it did before the ERM crises of 1992 and 1993. The Bundesbank may be chained up, but these chains have been known to

BUSINESS LETTERS

Companies need to find a way to provide for the 'uninsurables'

From Mr Rocco Segreti Sir, I read with great interest that an underclass of uninsurable drivers is emerging in Britain (Car insurance underclass being frozen out says AA. October 9).

This trend has been highlighted in recent research projects carried out by IBM with leading insurance companies from around the world. If this problem continues to grow, it may be necessary for governments to step in to take care of the uninsured. On a larger scale. Pool Re is a good example of this. As a result of the large bomb explosions in

Help must be given

Sir. Although having a good

"whinge" about their troubles

with British Gas may make

your correspondents feel bet-

ter, it will not solve them.

Neither will engaging a pri-vate plumber, who is never

going to be available 365 days

of the year. Only doctors and

Brinsh Gas will come out on

Before privatisation, British

Gas had a reputation as high

as Marks & Spencer for ser-

vice and quality. However, since then, British Gas has

had its income slashed by the

regulator. It has had to make

experienced servicemen re-

to British Gas

From Mr D. W. Taylor

the City, insurers are either sumers move, acquire new not able or willing to cover terrorism losses, and so the Government has been forced to step in and act as the

insurer of last resort". Our research painted a number of possible scenarios for the insurance industry in the future. In one, which we call "Big Brother", every citizen has only the amount and type of insurance protection deemed appropriate by the Government. In fact, consumers may not even deal directly with insurance at all. Changes in insurance coverage could simply "happen" when con-

dundant and install computer

systems to reduce staff costs:

both of which have led to the

difficulties experienced by

The current regulator. Clare

Sportiswoode is, in my opin-

ion, too concerned with the

price of gas to the detriment of

quality and service. Her cur-

rent proposals to force the

price of gas even lower will

obviously make the situation

You ain't seen nothing yet if

The only way to restore

British Gas to its previous

high efficiency is for the regu-

lator to stop expropriating its

assets, and allow it to recover

from the previous cuts. Help

should also be given to British

Gas to enable it to renegotiate

the high price gas contracts

your correspondents.

worse.

she gets her way!

property, experience a major life cycle change or file a claim. This world may have evolved from the emergence of a collective social consciousness or it may be a conse-quence of an initiative designed to avoid social unrest in a world in which the "have nots" are growing at alarming rates. However, the net effect will be the same - there will be little left for insurance companies. It is therefore imperative that they find a way to provide proactively for the

uninsurables". Insurance companies need

taken out when it was a

find it effective if they write to

their MP and ask him to sort it

out, with a copy to lan Lang.

President of the Board of

Trade, and Ms Spomswoode.

Sir. Like Mr Taylor (Business

Letters, October 4), I too re-

ceived a British Gas account

after a delay of nine days. In

my case, however, with no rea-

son given, I have been credited

with the full (net) amount of

the previous bill which itself

included a £2 plus VAT

Your correspondents will

monopoly.

Yours faithfully,

D. W. TAYLOR.

3 Sherwood Avenue.

Ruislip, Middlesex.

Bill confusion

From Mr P. E. Wood

to respond to new markets if they are not to be frozen out. One way to reduce costs and risk is to minimise expense and maximise effectiveness of delivery. Developing new IT systems, outsourcing, third party administration and data management are helping the proactive companies to ensure that they can operate effectively in ever changing market conditions. Yours faithfully

ROCCO SEGRETI (General Manager), Insurance IBM EMEA. New Square, Bedfont Lakes, Feltham, Middlesex.

prompt payment credit. In other words it nullified the

previous account. As well as this credit on the current account I have been charged with both the previous and present quarter's combined consumption without any allowance in respect of prompt payment. I am thus £4

How widespread this practice is I do not know, but British Gas has told me that I will be recompensed. I wait expectantly! Yours faithfully, P. E. WOOD. 6 Normanton Street.

plus VAT out of pocket.

Brighton.

Letters to the Business section can be sent by fax on 0171-782 5112.

Labour's pledge to business

From the Shadow Trade Minister Sir, In his recent interview with Philip Bassett, Ian Lang con-fessed that he feels "fury. Just fury" when Labour maintains that it is now the party of business (*Lang confident business will turn out for Tories," October 8). With business support for Labour now twice as strong as in 1992, the Conservatives are clearly worried.

Labour is committed to providing the training and educa tion, the emphasis on research and development as well as the rebuilding of our infrastructure that Britain needs to compete effectively in the 21st century.

That competition will increasingly be for a share of the European market. Yet this Government's internal divisions have made it impossible for them to negotiate in Britain's best commercial interests.

A recent forecast by the Ernst and Young Item Club confirmed that "new Labour" poses "no danger" to British business.

Indeed it appears that so many people in business are changing their allegiance precisely because Labour has the policies to meet the needs of British business. Yours faithfully.

GEOFFREY HOON, MP. 8 Station Street. Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

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1. Opening 2. To compose the Management Board

The only item on the agenda is the proposal to change the composition of the Management Board. As amounted at the informative meeting held on 26th April, 1996, starcholders will be asked to approve the appointment of Mr G. B. Smith as a Director of

Holders of Bearer Share Certificates desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting, should lodge their Certificates by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted for voting purposes) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Nat West Investments, Centralised Securities Office, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London El 8BB (between the forms of (LGI a.m. and 2.00 p.m.) in exchange for a receipt, not later than Thursday, 24th October, 1996.

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Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company, wishing to attend the Meeting or to appoint a prory in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary, Rorento N.V., c/o Robeco Advies N.V., Coolsingel 120, NL-3011 AG Rosterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than Thursday, 24th October, 1996.

Copies of the full agends can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC at the address shown above or Robeco U.S. Limited, 4 Carlos Place, Mayfair, London WIY 5AE. Telephone 0171-409 3507.

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export award

Rebecca Arnison, a clothing de-signer from Great Sutton, Cheshire, has won this year's Livewire Export Challenge. She was awarded £1,000 and a five-day trip to a European destination of her choice. Her company, Cheshire Cat, designs and makes coats and dresses for girls aged between two and eight. She was turning customers away because of a lack of experience in exporting. But exports now account for 40 per cent of sales. The Livewire Export Challenge, backed by Shell with support from Bass and Holiday Inns, helps businesses to export for the first time.

Euro initiative

A government campaign to make UK firms aware of fast-growing business opportunities in Central Europe starts in January. It will concentrate on five industrial sectors: automotive, healthcare, con-sumer goods and retail. IT and agricultural business. Government Offices and Business Links will co-ordinate the campaign.

NatWest offer

NatWest Bank is offering two new concessions to start-up businesses. The bank has teamed up with Business Names Registration to offer a 50 per cent discount on the cost of checking and registering the name and trademark of the new business. NatWest is also offering 10 per cent off business insurance.

Good counsel

The Institute of Business Counsellors is holding its national conference at the London Heathrow Park Hotel on November 2. The cost is £125. Telephone: 01423 879208.



"Of course it's depressing; this is the nearest I've got to a holiday this year"

Cheshire Cat Holiday inspiration has flag-maker flying high

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By VERONICA HEATH

GEOFF WALKER sold a successful chain of hairdressing salons and treated himself to a holiday in America, where he saw a picture of some car flags.

"Those flags set me thinking." he says. "I thought our football fans might like them. I had time on my hands so I brought some samples home and had some Newcastle United and Manchester United flags to attach to car windows made up. The supporters loved them. So then I tried banners. After that the business took off."

Corporate Flags UK started manufacturing in small ware-houses in the Tyne area in the early 1990s. Mr Walker opened an office in the village of Longhorsley in Northumberland, in an old pub. "In the beginning I hired a consultant flag-maker and got in touch with the Flag Institute, both of whom have been very helpful," he says. "We learnt how to get into applique flag-making, which is basically building up a pattern. For generations flags have been handmade: the process remains much the same as it has been for hundreds of years."

The Northumberland Training Council made an £3,000 grant and Mr Walker put in £4,000. The business has also received grants from the Department of Trade and Industry for plant and machinery.

Now plans are afoot to get verything under one roof in a new factory, with state-of-the-art printing equipment to achieve highquality volume production. Mr Walker's two sons have joined him and Corporate Flags UK currently

Flag-wavers: Geoff Walker, left, with his sons Simon and Geoffrey who have joined the business that there is a huge untapped

has six employees and two outworkers. It has a licence to sell flags to Premiership clubs and to supply Benetton and Jordan, the motor racing companies, the Formula One Association and the driver Johnny Herbert. The Euro 96 football competition

this summer brought a major contract and sales have been made to Wembley, Sky TV, the FA and the Volvo and Vauxhall touring car teams, as well as an impressive list of corporate clients, who use flags as a mobile form of advertising. Italy and Spain are keen flagwavers but Mr Walker feels

market in other countries for flags and banners and he is developing an Internet site. "We do flags, flag accessories, pennants, table flags, golf pin flags and bibs, banners, bunting and flagpoles," he says. "We are now selling to Japan, Hong Kong, Australia, Scandinavia and Singapore. Flags are one of the world's oldest forms of identification used for immediate recognition and signalling. With their heraldic associations they have been used by all nations' standardbearers from sporting occasions to

authority distinguished from any

other form of advertising." When Northumberland County Council was created more than 100 years ago it chose a red and gold nattern for a county flag and Corporate Flags UK is now making these for sale to the public. The purchaser gets a leaflet describing the flag's history and protocol. The design is based on one of the oldest known flags in Britain, originally described by the Venerable Bede as the colours of St Oswald, the 7thcentury King of Northumbria.

Corporate Flags is on 01670 788447.

Paperwork overload heaps pressure on bosses and suppliers

PAPERWORK and running a business take up so much of the small company owner's time that suppliers are suffering too.

These owners are extremely busy and they don't have support teams," said Philip Lowery, event director of EPS Events, a west London exhibition and survey company. We are all seeing reports about the number of hours these people work."

Small business bosses often cannot find the time to read all their mail, which could contain useful offers and information.

Therefore, people selling to small and medium-sized businesses find it difficult," said Mr

The finding follows an EPS survey of the plans, hopes and fears of businesses. Lack of time and slow paying emerged as their biggest worries.

Nearly half the businesses inperviewed complained about slow payers but Mr Lowery believed that the popular solution of charging interest would drive

away customers. A welcome change was the intention by 42 per cent of the sample to increase training budgets, "That was very positive," said Mr Lowery, "I don't think people thought that was happen-

Even more of the sample - 62 per cent — planned new products and services in the next 12 months, which the researchers saw as signs of growth and entrepreneurship.

Surprisingly, 44 per cent said that they would be on the Internet within six months.

At the same time, EPS has found that manufacturers and distributors of information technology are heginning to realise the economic importance of small and medium-

sized companies. Smaller businesses are increasing workforces and expanding, while large companies are laying off staff. As a result, some [7] companies are developing aggressive marketing to win orders from

small customers. These customers, however, still feel badly served generally by the information technology sector, says the report.

□ EPS is staging an IT exhibition at Wembley from April 8 to 10.
geared to small business Inquiries: 0701 0709 901.

Missing out on cover for key people

do not have key person cover, the insurance that pays out when a key employee dies, or becomes incapacitated (Brian Collett writes). Yes survey has found that nearly two thirds of the uninsured businesses admit that losing a key person could be disastrous. Furthermore. the businesses most worried about the problem were the least likely to

Researchers for the survey, commissioned by Barclays Life, the bank's life and pensions arm. interviewed nearly 2,000 companies and said the figures suggested that up to 100,000 businesses could need the insurance.

The survey also found that lack of cover was more common in newer companies. The most vulnerable were people-based organisations, such as employment agencies, and those reliant on the skills of one individual - for example, the creative director of an advertising agency. Surprisingly, 40 per cent of uninsured businesses

did not know the insurance existed. Tony Owen, protection marketing manager at Barclays Life, said: "Often profits plummet when a key person dies, or is too ill to work."

Small firms want a bigger say on local issues are sought — it should be on all BY RODNEY HOBSON general of the BCC, says that highway maintenance, waste col-The need to be given a say at

SMALL businesses feel that they do not have sufficient say in local issues, according to a survey by the British Chambers of Commerce. And the annoyance that small firms feel at being ignored by local authorities is increased by the high business rates they

consultation is needed, not only because business rates contribute a significant proportion of local authority revenue, but also because businesses are key members of the local community.

Dr Peters says: "It is essential that the business community has a voice and is listened to. Consultation with business should not just be when their financial resources

issues that affect the environment in which they work."

A BOC survey sponsored by Alex Lawrie, the business finance provider, found that a high proportion of businesses would support earmarking a percentage of the rates they pay for projects that directly benefit the business

Typical projects would include

lection and crime prevention mea-sures. The principle of earmarking cash for such projects is supported by nine out of ten Scottish

Many businesses were unaware that the uniform business rate in England and Wales is controlled by the Government, and that the local authority is merely the collect-

America Despitation of the control o

local level is the main reason why businesses decide to join their chamber of commerce, the survey

Half of the businesses sampled indicated that if the firm had any concerns over a local issue, it would first approach the chamber of commerce, rather than contact a local councillor or the constituency

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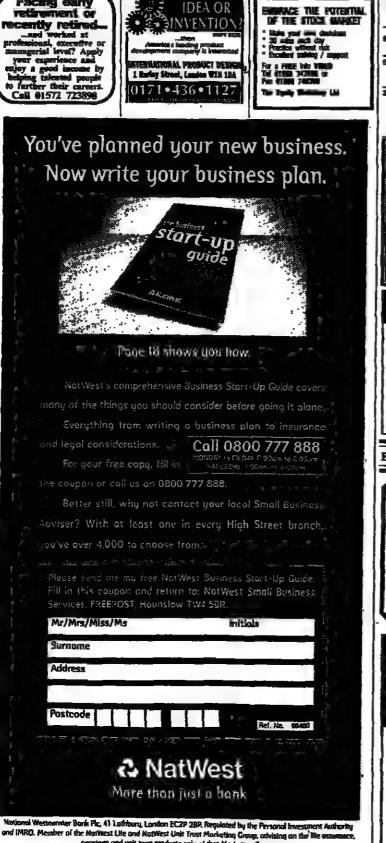
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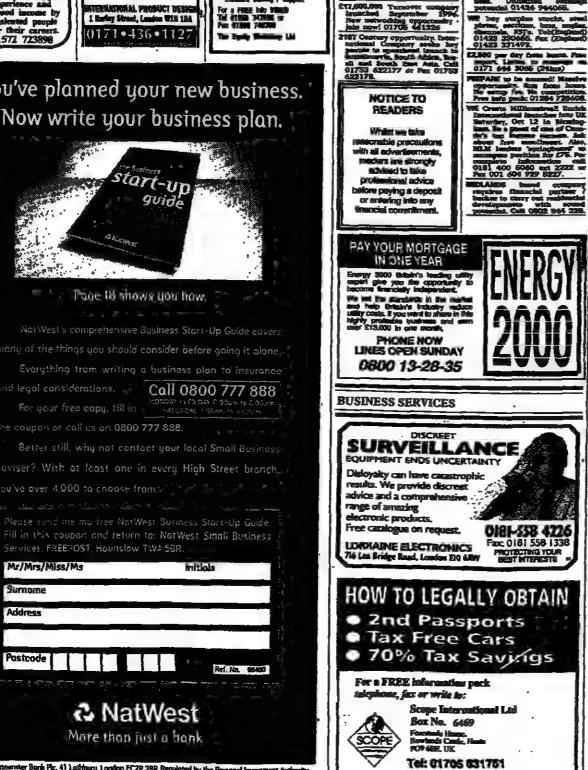
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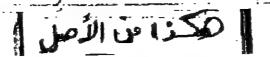
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Daily Mail acquires

Southex Exhibitions

THE Daily Mail & General Trust, the UK publishing and exhibitions company, yesterday completed the acquisition of

Southex Exhibitions, the trade and consumer exhibition divi-

sion of Canada's Southarn Inc, for C\$76.6 million (£36.2 mil-

lien). Southex, based in Toronto, is a show management com-

pany, producing more than 90 shows in 38 cities. In 1995, the

company earned pre-tax profits of C\$6.4 million on turnover

of \$41.7 million. Net assets were C\$100,000 at the year-end

In the current year, turnover is expected to rise to about

C\$53 million, due to acquisitions. Daily Mail said the

investment in Souther was complimentary to that of its

existing DMG Exhibition Group in Britain, whose shows

BURFORD HOLDINGS, the acquisitive property company, has bought a 179,000 sq ft shop and office complex in Glasgow from private clients of Hoddell Stotesbury for £15.85

million. Retailers with outlets at the Savoy Centre include

Next, New Look and In-Shops, who generate about £950,000 a year in rents. Gross rental income from the centre totals

\$1.17 million. The company said that more than 60,000 sq ft of

a total of \$1,400 sq ft of offices is let under a peppercorn rent.

Allied London changes

ALLIED LONDON PROPERTIES, the property development

and investment company, said that 30 per cent of its portfolio

changed in the year to June 30. The company raised £45 million through dispusals, and spent £36.2 million on property.

Since the year end it has sold property worth 5325 million and

spent £14.9 million on acquisitions. Pre-tax profits were £9.16

million (EII-06 million) and earnings fell to 6.5p a share (9.5p).

Australian banks merge

ADVANCE BANK and St George Bank, two of Australia's

largest regional banks, are to merge in a deal valued at A\$2.65 billion (about £1.33 billion). The merger appears to be an

attempt by the two Sydney banks to stave off a takeover by one

of the big four Australian banks, which are not allowed to

merge with each other and have been eyeing smaller banks.

Bank of Melbourne shares rose more than 4 per cent in early trading on speculation that it could be the next bid target.

Burford goes shopping

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GRASEBY, the electronic

instruments group, has

won a £22 million three-

year contract from the

Swiss defence procure-

ment agency (Oliver Au-

gusi writes). The Swiss will receive chemical agent monitors (CAM) from

1998, subject to Parliamen-

Graseby has spent six

years developing the portable hand-held CAM in

conjunction with the

Swiss. The company is

also developing an explo-

sives detector to counter

the terrorist threat to avia-

tion. Graseby shares rose 24p to 1294p.

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Shares dip on profits warning at Philips

BY OLIVER AUGUST

PHILIPS, Europe's biggest should not wait until next consumer electronies producweek." er, vesterday shocked markets The news surprised Dutch by announcing that expected dealers, "It's horrible. We had not expected this," said one profit improvements had not materialised. The shares fell dealer Analysis said that Phil-5.5 per cent on the Amsterdam ips, like its competitors, was bourse on the news, trading in tough conditions. The profits warning gave They said that tight business controls would help to imrise to speculation that a fresh restructuring would be un-veiled with third-quarter re-

prove earnings. Steven Vrolijk, an ING anasults on October 24. In July, lyst, suggested that Philips the company said that it was coming 0,000 jobs over the could "go over every division again". He added: "In our opinion, it's not only the consumer products division next is months as part of a restructuring that aimed to place work in countries where but there are also problems at the professional and systems division, which is not making day said that it would be money. They've got to just necessary to accelerate keep cutting costs everywhere they can. Eventually that will mean fewer jobs in Europe quite clearly an early warning," he said, "We felt that we and probably also in the United States."

Marc Langeveld at Kempen & Co said that the profits warning would serve to focus attention on re-organisation when the results are announced next week, the first set of figures since Cor Boonstra became chairman of

Philips on October 1. He said: "I believe there will be further restructurings. But that's only normal with Boonstra taking up office. He would have done that anyway. It's best to do those things when you just start your new job. It's difficult to forecast. It will be restructurings that take place at a micro-level."

Mr Vrolijk said that he had been forecasting 1.1 billion guilders (£407 million) net profit from normal operations for the first nine months of 1996. "That has to come down. We were not negative enough for third quarter results." He is now looking for Dil969

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Geoff Halstead, left, and Stephen Knight, financial director, saw profits edge ahead

Mixed fortunes at Halstead

BY MARTIN BARROW

PROFITS at James Halstead Group, the commercial flooring and leisure products company, edged 3 per cent higher to £10.63 million in the year to June 30, helped by a reduction in raw material prices and the first contributions from new

But there was margin erosion at the Conway Products subsidiary, supplier of security cabins, trailers and trailer tents, which incurred a loss for the year. The company blamed "inefficiencies and poor cost control" and said it made management

changes to restore margins. Halstead's Driza-Bone outdoor clothing business also suffered mixed fortunes, with

strong sales in its home market of Australia, but weak demand in Britain, America, Germany and France.

The company, whose managing director is Geoff Halstead, is paying a final dividend of op a share to lift the total by 8.8 per cent to 9.25p. Earnings were 23.51p a share (22.75p).

Chartwell bid values Archer at £35m

CHARTWELL GROUP, the American insurance and reinsurance group, has made a cash offer of 92.5p per share to Archer Group Holdings, the quoted Lloyd's agency, valuing it at £35 million.

The offer price represents a hefry premium of 50.4 per cent to 61.5p, the closing price on October 3, the last dealing day before the cash offer discussion was announced.

So far Chartwell has secured 52.3 per cent of Archer's issued share capital, including its own holding and in irrevo cable commitments. It estimated that Archer's pre-tax profit for the year ended September 30 would not be less than & million.

Bryan Kellett, Archer's chairman, said Chartwell would provide capital fur its syndicates, enabling Archer to plan for longer-term development with confidence. Richard Cole, chairman and

chief executive of Chartwell, described the move as a logical and natural extension of its existing activities in the London market. "Archer would provide geo-

graphic diversification and direct access to the Lloyd's marketplace for future growth," Mr Cole said.

Archer, with 4 per cent of Lloyd's underwriting capacity for 1996, operates 11 Lloyd's syndicates with capacity of \$420 million for the 1996 year

The company bounced back to profit last year after two years of losses and reported a pre-tax profit of £599,000.

RM nets Virgin deal RM, a supplier of information technology to schools, has

teamed up with Virgin Net, part of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, to provide an education service to homes via the Internet. RM, which also supplies IT to colleges and universities, said it had signed an exclusive agreement with Virgin Net. Virgin, which has designed an internet access service for the UK consumer, aims to launch in November. It plans to make the RM service available early next year.

Bombardier test flight

THE Bombardier Global Express, the new long-range business jet, took to the air for the first time in Toronto at the weekend. The aircraft flew for two hours and 46 minutes, reaching an altitude of 11,000 ft and a speed of 210 knots. Testing continues at Bombardier's flight test centre in Wichita, Kansas, Aircraft deliveries are scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 1997, with certification in the second quarter of 1998.

CHANGING TIMES

Eurotunnel takes a twin track BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF would be reorganised into two London, Paris and Brussels, man appointed to replace Sir businesses, Le Shuttle and run by the national rail com-Alastair Morton, takes up his

THE management of the car and passenger rail services running through the Channel Tunnel is to be split, Eurotunnel announced yesterday. The Angio-French com-

pany, which last week announced details of its crucial financial restructuring, said it Railway Services.

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panies of Belgium and France and London & Continental Railways, the UK consortium. Bill Dix, previously chief commercial officer, is appoint-

ed managing director of Le Shuttle, while James Evans continues as director of Railway Services. They will report to Patrick

Ponsolle, Eurohannel's execu-Christian Chazot, managing director. Robert Malpas, the non-executive British co-chair-

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Oxford does the honours

the Oxford Playhouse. less than 60 years old. is not one of those venerable old theatres worshipped by conservationists. Its distinction lies instead in the cast of luminaries who have trodden its stage, from Sybil Thorndike, John Gielgud, Rachel Kempson and Dirk Bogarde to Ronnie Barker. Shirley Williams and Nigel Lawson (witnesses to its close ties with the university).

Tomorrow it will reopen after a summer closure for a £4 million facelift. Seeing inside the new Playhouse a few weeks ago was intriguing, but gave few clues as to how it will look after refurbishment. Wires dangled from ceilings like roots, great brackets which will have new seats bolted to them dotted the otherwise deserted expanse of floor, walls were half-painted, and other than the decorators. electricians and joiners crawling over it there were few of

the essential people. What was enlightening was the workmen's response to the two women showing me round, Hedda Beeby and Tish Francis, the joint theatre directors. The decorators and joiners were keen to show them how this particular fitting would work, how that door will open, how the box office counter has a wheelchair-high

The Playhouse reopens with the world premiere of a new piece by the Siobhan Davies Dance Company, Affections the kind of show many thought would topple the Francis-Beeby regime, but which has instead revealed a new audience. There will be a proper gala opening on Octo-ber 27 with Prunelia Scales and Alan Bennett to raise a large part of the last £50,000 of the £4 million spent on the place. In fact, the Playhouse will be the first theatre restored with lottery money. £2.5 million of it.

It is nearly seven years since Beeby and Francis were appointed to run the traditional home of the Oxford University Drama Society and the Oxford Stage Company. The theatre had been closed by safety officers in 1987. They were privately warned by Oxonians that their adventurous programming plans would soon close the place again.

The celebrity-studded inaugural gala for the by then safe theatre in April 1991 featured a play called Same Old Moon ... and a bomb scare. To cancel or not to cancel? After investigating, the Oxford police finally said: "Your decision, ma'am." But the technicians on the production included a certain Edward Windsor, whose detective was formerly with the anti-terrorist squad and knew enough about coded warnings to rec-ommend that the show should

That kind of "luck" seems to have ridden with them. In August the creation of a fire escape revealed that rusting joists in the roof were crum-

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bling the brick. The reopening could literally have brought management had prudently put aside a contingency fund which covered the £15.000 costs of repair.

"I think this is the best-run set-up I have ever been involved with," said Sir Claus Moser, the theatre's chairman, and he has been in-volved with a few, including the Civil Service and the Royal Opera House.

The Playhouse had been the university's property, and al-though the four leases were given to the theatre five years ago, the assumption that Gown rather than Town holds sway has taken a while to dispel. "We chose to ignore it rather than fight it," Beeby said. Funding is shared between the university, the county and the city, although not

equally. "We've tried to appeal to new audiences and keep the old ones." Beeby said. The proof of the pudding is in the average 70 per cent box offices,

the operating surpluses which have whittled the accumulated deficit down to a manageable £50.000, and the quality of the shows which want to use it. There is also increasing in-

house production.
There have been inevitable blips - a play called The Cemetery Club lost enough money for its name to be almost prophetic - but the introduction of the likes of Adventures in Motion Pictures, Opera Factory, the Cholmondeleys and LIFT has been greeted by healthy box office returns, and the OUDS and the Oxford Operatic Society still have their place in the

ncluded in the new season brochure are Opera Factory's Magic Flute. Griff Rhys Jones in Ben Travers's *Plunder* (pre-West End), and no fewer than three warnings about the offence potential of certain scenes in Lindsay Kemp's Varieté, V-Tol Dance Company's By Force of Fantasy and the OUDS's student production of Sobol's Ghetto.

The new Playhouse will be bright, with comfortable seats. luxurious leg room, somewhere convivial to eat and drink, and a hospitality room shouldn't they have one for what they do for us?" said Francis. And backstage, the dressing rooms will have designer flooring, to make the performers feel as valued as customers out front.



Under wraps: Hedda Beeby (left) and Tish Francis on stage at the Oxford Playhouse

Desire on the fringe

Luke Clancy rounds up the best of

the Dublin Theatre Festival

ny production in this year's official Dublin Theatre Festival will have to battle hard to match the strange energies unleashed in the fringe show. Streetcar. In a cramped gallery stairwell, this grotesque, Marvel-comics retelling of Tennessee Williams's drama of sex, lies and public transportation out a match to the

capital's annual theatre binge. Director Annie Ryan described her production as a commedia dell'arte version of the play, but the maniac influences of Jim Carrey's Mask and Jack Nicholson's grimacing Joker were equally apparent. Using macabre face paint, and stylised rhythmic choreography. Ryan har-nessed to incendiary effect the diverse talents of Gary Cooke. as Stanley, a swaggering hairball of nastiness, Liz Kuti, as Stella, madly trying to grin her way to satisfaction, Andrew Bennet, monosyllabically devastating as Mitch, and Tony Flynn in travesty as the

glassy-eyed Blanche her bodice stuffed with chintry dreams and camp self-de-

Closest so far to attaining the left-field power of Streetcar was Starving Artist's Road Movie (Pea-cock). With just a good lighting plot, a chair and a bangle, Mark Pinkosh una narrative iourney across America that took in bump and grind in a New York back room, tears at Washington's Vietnam monument and cable television nirvana in Mojave motel Pinkosh shuffled

lithely through a range of characters

- including a sassy condomdispensing diva who would give Streetcar's Stella a run for her money - to deliver a continent in 90 gleaming, sad and defiant minutes. In his Stella By Starlight

(The Gate), Bernard Farrell is back in familiar territory. Dermot (Tom Hickey) is a failed Dublin apparatchik. who, after losing his job, uproots his wife, Stella (Marion O'Dwyer) and daughter, Tara (Janet Moran) and takes to the Wicklow Hills. Now he divides his time between DIY, his PC and rubbing up against his enormous telescope while torturing his wife and daughter with his twittering inade-

On the night a comet is due to plunge into Venus, Dermot's home is visited by his nemesis, golf-obsessed Paul (Stephen Brennan) and his wayward wife, Geraldine Gemma Craven). In the small hours, the simmering rivalry between the two men finally bubbles up, and as the recriminations fly. anyone still up is treated to a welter of cliches about the Japanese and their golf obsession, and a skimpy portrait of a working-class Dubliner that seems to cross the line into racism. Desperate Optimists' latest

audio effects, meandering jokes and psychoanalytical confession, the company turned the Arthouse into the scene for an occasionally fraught evening. Unfortunately, much of Indulgence has the vaguely thwarted air of someone who has hesitated just a little too long. The company's style, artfully casual in its intricacy,

gence, was inspired by Freud

and Breuer's groundbreaking

psychoanalytical case study of

Anna O. Using a mix of dance,

trance music, smoke pots,

leads an audience to expect. even to hope for, a direct confrontation, without ever delivering one. Indulgence took the corners wider than was strictly necessary, leaving plenty of margin for error, but killing off the sense that anything risky or dangerous

might happen.
The Abbey's festival offering was She Stoops to Folly, as "derived" by Tom Murphy from Goldsmith's The Vicar of Wakefield, and thoroughly en-



Mark Pinkosh in Road Movie

joyable this wordy drama turned out to be. In sprightly neo-Restoration language. Murphy attacks with relish the task of putting painstakingly marshalled words into the mouths of the biblically put-upon Vicar Ulm Norton). his wife (Deirdre Donnelly), his family, his diletante tor-mentor, Mr Thornhill (Frank McCusker) and his stuitify-ingly self-righteous saviour

(David Herlihy). Murphy avoids being too knowing about the antique morals that keep this little world of britches and periwips in check, and the play is impressively gentle and un-derstanding of frailry and delusion. Mason's direction coaxes a series of enjoyable performances, notably from Norton, but at times becomes

over-fastidious. The production could easily have succeeded in a much simpler form. Designer Francis O'Connor's backdrop, a flowing cloudy sky projected onto a wall of little swinging doors, was fussy more often than it was useful. At times the plethora of mantelpieces and doorways being flown in left the Abbey stage feeling like a frantic runway, when in reali-Murphy's sortie into the

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Fool's gold from debased metal requests and the rogues' preposterous

WHEN Benedict Nightingale reviewed this production at its Birmingham premiere (it is a co-production mounted by the National Theatre and the Birmingham Rep), he expressed the hope that some trimming and tinkering would be done before it arrived in London. Perhaps Bill Alexander has done this, but the result of his labours is not a likeable show, nor even a comic

Ben Jonson is not an easy dramatist to bring into life on the modern stage. and this play, which seems a straightforward piece at first glance, almost always defies the efforts of director and cast, brimful of talent though they may be. Much happens, but every scrap of it

is guilling, guilling, guilling.
The string of fools who arrive at
Face's door while his master is away want to be rich or lucky in love, which in Jacobean days meant finding a rich woman. They are induced to part with their gold and sent away unsatisfied. returning later with more gold only to suffer the same disappointment, often compounded with humiliation. It's One Damn Sting After Another.

The fractious opening scene gets the play off to a bad start, from which it seldom recovers. Simon Callow (Face) and Tim Pigott-Smith (Subtle, the alchemist) call each other endless rude names, but there is no vocal excitement of a quality to make one listen to what is being said. Matters get marginally better thereafter, although what com-edy the play contains is found in single lines, even single phrases, and not in the few set-piece speeches.

The play appears to be set in some post-apocalyptic future, presumably dystopic because William Dudley's set

"USE ROLLER BLADES

The Alchemist Olivier

gives us an armoured house capable of closing in upon itself and shuffling inside a painted alchemical sign. Metal stairs soar upwards and out of sight, giving the stage the look of one of the dead Underground stations in Neverwhere's London Below.

Uncertain futures give a licence to superstition, which is no doubt the thinking here, but the nature of the

language roots the escapades so firmly in the past that contemporary parallels become too far-fetched to be taken seriously. Callow gulls his victims in English,

Welsh and Scottish accents: Josie Lawrence (a raunchy Doll Common) adds Irish with her twittering Fairy Oueen. A few of the crises generate the odd laugh, but after Alexander's fine work at Birmingham this play is a disappointment.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Josie Lawrence, Simon Callow and Tim Pigott-Smith in The Alchemist

Dark Godber far more illuminating

snatches of a foreign tongue.

OR A HELICOPTER -JUST GET THERE!"

WHAT sort of man goes whom life hasn't turned out as Gym and Tonic read English foraging for a bottle of wine and reappears saying: "Bacchus returns? A twerp in a John Godber play, that's who. Jeremy Kingston writes. One of his unhappy husbands for children. But Godber's Don in

DIRECT FROM BROADWAY

he expected, whose wife feels at university and Godber needs to remind us of this, unwanted - small wonder in bringing in literary allusions, mostly Shakespearean, in the this case, since she is a nasal and apologetic whiner - and who can't understand his way that some people lard their conversation with

Don is stressed, and he and wife Shirley, whose frequently THE GRAMMY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL mentioned dislike at being called "love" he ignores, come to a health hydro to relax. What you expect to happen to him there duly happens. He cannot believe he has to take off his clothes for the massage. almost faints for lack of a Cornish pasty, and will not survive the night without alcohol. Needless to say, this hypochondriac chump has not made love to Shirky for two years, but Godber's preferred style of dramatic writing has advanced beyond the need to tack on a happy ending. Even the memory of art, music and

Gym and Tonic/Pow! Derby Playhouse

literature doesn't solve this hero's problems, suggesting that the superficial optimism so grating in Godber's past work could, just possibly, be giving ground to darker, more truthful perceptions. He also introduces a charac-

ter new in his work, an elderly widow, extremely rich, dithering between eccentricity and shrewd wisdom. Marcia Warren delivers her throwaway lines with an easy panache. James Hornsby presumably does what Godber wants him to do as Don. Gilly Tompkins's voice grates on the ear but at least is audible, whereas much of what is untered by Justine Glenton, playing two hydro helpers, never reached Row M.

Aidan Healy's Pow!, directed in the Studio by Penny Ciniewicz for Paines Plough. tells of a once promising boxer trying for a comeback. As always in plays about boxing. the bout is fixed; just as inevitably, the combat doesn't develop as planned.

Healy's work is still raw. using the irritating mannerism of sentences interrupted after two words and creating a ghastly woman manager (Helon Anderson) too hysterically sarcastic to be credible. But the scenes in the ring are well imagined: Wil Johnson's bruised Ray tempts his oppornent with an exposed eye before jabbing a punch, all the while delivering a commen-tary of unspoken thoughts. Norman Roberts's performance as the cheekier, coltish. younger Ray is excellent.

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Herbert von Karajan gets the Building a Library' accolade for Parsifal



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lan Hart, the fast-rising actor from Liverpool, takes stock of his sudden fame

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on a neglected side of Rubens; plus a Pop pioneer's prints and London shows

A genius for fleshing out landscapes

some years ago I found myself in a grand room filled with dumpled Rubens nudes at their fleshiest. A Spanish guide entered, leading a posse of tourists, and announced: Here, ladies and gentlemen, is the master of the chubby women." His audience sniggered, as he knew they would. And I soon realised, from their reactions to particular paintings, that the joke prevented them from seeing Rubens's work as anything more than a gross celebration of female bodies with a weight problem.

Pour Rubens has been dogged by similar remarks wherever his art is displayed, and they caricature the achievements of an outstanding painter. Now the National Gallery has hit on an excellent way of letting us see him anew. By devoting itself to his landscapes alone, this hugely stimulating show concentrates on Rubens's capacious imagination at its most personal, direct and innovative.

Not that he started out with landscape as his overriding goal. Rubens took a surprisingly long time to mature as an artist, and his formidable ambitions focused on mastering the human figure. He first appears in Christopher Brown's exhibition as a man willing to collaborate with Paul Bril, whose large Landscape with Psyche was probably painted in Rome and then sent to Rubens in Antwerp. He simply added the eagle and the diminutive woman dwarfed by the drama of Bril's craggy hillside and waterfall. Five years later, Rubens was still prepared to add the naked figures of Adam and Eve to an elaborate landscape painted by Jan Breughel the Elder. By then, however, he had already decided to explore his own growing fascingtion with the countryside.

A consummate draughtsman Rubens always made a point of going outdoors and making preparatory studies, even of mundane weeds and undergrowth. His early Pond with Cows and Milkmaids is enlivened by a rapturous involvement with willows, tree-stumps and the reeds sprouting so thickly at the water's edge. Both women and animals seem incidental, confined to a corner and stiffly defined. in comparison with the vigour of



Milkmaids with Cattle in a Landscape ("The Farm at Lacken"): "Rubens integrated figures, animals and countryside in a boisterous hymn to the natural world"

the vegetation around them. They could almost have been added by another artist, but within a couple of years Rubens proved himself triumphantly able to integrate figures, animals and countryside in a of the natural world.

Milkmaids with Cattle in a Landscape, more commonly known as The Farm at Laeken, places the two young peasant

women at the very centre of the their comeliness, and lets a cornucopia of fruit spill out of the basket on one milkmaid's head. But a nearby wheelbarrow is heaped with an even more luxuriant harvest of vegetables, and their richness is at one with the fertility of the land all around.

We can sense Rubens's growing confidence when, around 1620, he

painted a lyrical panel of a shep-herd with his flock and then, soon afterwards, incorporated much of its composition in a grander, more fluent and ambitious painting usually known as The Watering Place.
The smaller of the two paintings is impressive enough, juxtaposing the calm of shepherd and animals with the intense drama generated by the sunset flaring on the other side. But The Watering Place is even more

so. Peasants, cows, horses and sheep are fused with their heavily foliated locale to a far more convincing extent. The tousled young man riding his mount into the river typifies the insouciance of Rubens himself, who orchestrates the tangled trees rearing from the rocks above with swaggering aplomb. He knows, by now, exactly how to alternate between areas of knotted complexity and places leaving more distant stretches to

where one or two trunks are allowed to stand, in near-silhouette, against a sky alive with an apprehension of nature's inherent dynamism. The countryside is never shift and grow as our eyes travel across the painting's agitated

Nor did he content himself with animating the foreground, and

again, to the subject of a wagon fording a stream. For Rubens likewise insisted on crossing over, in his imagination, from one part of the landscape to another in his agile determination to project himself into the depths of each perpetu-

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uring his last bout of landscape painting, in the mid-1630s, he entered into an even more ment with the rural world. His purchase of Het Steen, a substantial residence set in an ample estate, ignited an even keener desire to countryside he could now claim truly as his own. Some of the smallest panels he painted then, like the exalted oil study of willows set ablaze by the sinking sun beyond, are so direct and freely brushed that they could easily have been executed on the spot.

The climax of his infamation can be found in two prodigious panels painted, almost certainly as a pair. around 1636. One, the fierily brushed Landscape with a Rain-Collection. The terms of the donor's bequest forbid it, and the full-size colour reproduction jarringly included in the show is no substitute

The companion panel, an autumnal panorama where the Het Steen estate is exuberantly surveyed with the aid of a luminous early morning sun, looks equally triumphant. Like the hunter stalking his prey behind a flowering blackberry bush in the foreground, Rubens pursues his subject with eagerness. cunning and absolute resolution His unfettered brush leads our eyes out and away from the sheltered house and into the open plain, taking flight with the ease of a bird and winging far across the meaddesirable horizon. The sensuality of Rubens's obsession with his favourite region is conveyed here at full strength. No wonder he always kept this heady, miraculous painting in his own possession: it is the most heartfelt of all his landscapes.

• Rubens's Landscapes, sponsored by Esso UK, is at the National Gallery,

CLASSICAL CHOICE

A guide to the best available classical music recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

WAGNER'S PARSIFAL

Reviewed by David Huckvale WAGNER'S last opera, premiered in 1882, is often regarded as a Christian work, but it is more helpful to regard it as a study of the psychopathology of religion. Even more than that, Parsifal allegorises the conflict between emotional and sexual manipulation. represented by Klingsor and his unwilling accomplice Kundry. and the development of Parsifal's capacity for compassion. Because of Wagner's obnoxious racial views, which reached an alarming climax while he was at work on the score, it has become more fashionable than ever to debate how far he intended an anti-Semitic subtext.

The importance of Parsifal cannot be over-estimated. Debussy called it "one of the loveliest monuments of sound

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elaborate monument, though, that no recording is perfect. Of the 11 versions currently available on CD, Georg Solti's version (Decca) is very respectable, but his orchestral tone,

though impressive, tends to be a bit heavy-handed. Armin Jordan's recording (Erato) brings together an effective cast but fails to work from an orchestral point of view.

Excellent though Daniel Barenboim's Parsifal (Teldec) generally is, he is let down by Matthias Holle's Gurnemanz.

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Gunther von Kannen's Klingsor is a little colourless.

Herbert von Karajan's Kundry, Dunja Vejzovic, does not have such a mature voice, though she does bring an appropriate other-worldly quality to the role. Karajan's Gurnemanz, however, is the unsurpassable Kurt Moll and there is an excellent Klingsor in Siegmund Nimsgern. Peter Holmann's Parsifal is rather strained. Even so, his silvery tone is more appropriate than Jerusalem's for Barenboim.

The orchestral style of Barenboim and Karajan is similar. Both adopt sensible speeds and coax sumptuous playing from the Berlin Philharmonic, but Karajan (Deutsche Grammophon, 413 347-2, £49.95) offers the more lyrical approach, creating the orches tral "cloud layers" which Debussy described as being

illuminated as from behind. ■ To order the recommended recording, with free delivery, please send a cheque payable to The Times CD Mail to 250 Western Avenue, London W3 6XZ or freephone 0500 418419; e-mail:

AROUND THE GALLERIES

sculptural work on all three floors at Laurent Delaye has been installed too sparsely. She casts domestic objects and small pieces of furniture in soft rubber, connecting them occasionally to working refrigeration units. A nest of occasional tables is held up on the floor in an entanglement of wobbly crossed legs at one end of a space, while a real table slowly frosts up to hide the identity of a hastily abandoned set of keys and metal cup beneath a crusty accumulation of frost at the other.

Jane Simpson's Material Girl. Laurent Delaye Gallery, 22 Barrett Street, St Christopher's Place, London WI (0171-629 5905) until Oct 26

A THICK layer of sand on the floor slows progress across the space. The sand mounded high in the middle by Luigi Gelati has an off-cut of cheap red carpet laid on top. Andreas Ruthi's small and delicate still-life paintings on board carry their own spatial autonomy. David Medalla is represented by a large laserprint photograph of a ship in a bottle. Sophie Rickett's set of elegant black and white photographs of a road junction and Marco Bettoni's picture of Pinocchio's family also contribute well to a deliberately

unthematic show. Staccato, The Media Centre. 131-151 Great Titchfield Street, London WI 10171-738 6662) until Oct 20

☐ SMALL television monitors showing angled shots of small-scale models convey a disturbing sense of place. A bathroom, a staircase, two long and tacky hotel corridors, have each been made up by Gary Perkins with a combination of artistic licence and model-maker's ingenuity. Perkins hints at the back-to-front relationship between invented reality and real object by showing the object of surveil-lance and resulting image side

by side. Gary Perkins, Victoria Miro Gallery, 21 Cork Street, London WI (0171-734 5082) until Oct 18

SACHA CRADDOCK

Dots and a dash of sculpture

wenty-eight years ago pioneer Pop artist Gerald Laing created a series of silkscreen prints of his most avant-garde pictures, starlets, skydivers, dragsters and Brigitte Bardot, all painted in dots. Now these forgotten prints have emerged at Whitford Fine Art, rekindling Laing's reputation as a rival to Roy Lichtenstein. Laing's work in the

early Sixties, along with Lichtenstein's, stemmed from commercial images in which life was like a beachparty movie. Both chose to work on a gigantic scale and to use dots. However, Laing's approach was romantic in seeking out heroic icons. Disappointed by reality, he glorified images of perceived

The printing process of the billboard posters, magazines



BB (1968) by Gerald Laing and newspapers where such icons were found captured the imagination of both artists. Laing says he was fascinated by the way a medley of dots on a massive canvas could at a distance turn into a recognisable form. A head and shoulders of Bardot superimposed with an annular disc

was Laing's earliest major

work, based on a Young Contemporaries exhibition advertisement. He moved to New York, where Life maga-

zine became one of his main sources of inspiration. Laing's Skydivers originated in a photograph of a red and white striped parachute collapsing. His Dragsters were initially based on a snapshot of champion driver "Big Daddy" In 1968 Laing hand-

printed the current series. but many were put into store after his dealer switched to selling Old Masters. Disenchanted with New York, Laing quit America and immerse himself in rebuilding a ruined castle at Kinkell in Scotland.

By the early Seventies he was concentrating on abstract, landscape-related sculpture. Then one summer dawn, after a party, he found himself

sitting beneath the Royal Artillery Memorial at Hyde Park Corner sculpted by Charles Sergeant Jagger.
The heroism of the sculp-

ture, he recalls, overwhelmed him. Laing enthusiastically began to turn towards a more representational style and now has his own bronze foundry in the grounds of his castle, where he has created a number of vivacious, realistic and often outsized sculptures. The last two of his four rugby players commissioned for the four piers of the Rowland Hill Gate at Twickenham are to be installed in November. They are outstandingly powerful. His new work has all the drama of his "dot paintings and more.

ALISON BECKETT

Gerald Laing: Starlets, Skyciona tang: Startets, Sky-divers & Dragsters is at Whisford Fine Art. 6 Duke Street, St James's, London SW1 (0171-930) 9332) until October 18





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■ CHOICE 2

Yasmina Reza's cult hit play Art receives its UK premiere VENUE: Opening night at Wyndham's Theatre



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seize the honours in

Figaro. Manipula-

tive Susanna and

the loveless Countess are the

ladies likely to catch ear and

eye, with Cherubino not far

behind, especially if there is a

Frederica von Stade-type mez-

zo within hailing distance. But

not this time round at Glyndebourne, where Mo-

zart's opera is a pure power

struggle between servant and

master. Two commanding

Le nozze



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A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargie

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performances by William Dazeley as the Count and Umberto Chiummo in the title

role see to that. From the outset Chrummo makes his mark. He is a Ryan Giggs of a Figaro, a lithe, quicksilver figure with dark curly hair, an opportunist. His calves are trim and so is his baritone, with the right dash of caustic in the delivery. But Chiummo proves that he is no lightweight in his Act IV aria, where he delivers his tirade against faithless women with

true hurt. Dazeley's Count also carries darkness in his voice. He makes good use of his rapler body to play an i8th-century seducer from the pages of Richardson as well as Beaumarchais. And he has enough energy to give his Countess the odd tumble during the course of the opera, even though his main attentions are engaged elsewhere. The pair of baritones, protector and predator. are well matched.

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In hiding: Claron McFadden's timid Susanna is "but a sketch" in Glyndebourne's Figaro

the female leads. Claron Mc-Fadden caused a flurry of favourable comment when she took over the role of Lulu one night in Berg's opera at the summer festival. Her Susanna, alas, is but a sketch. During the first two acts the voice was timid and the stage movement gawky, two things no Susanna can be allowed. She became more confident, but Deh vieni was prosaic. That is not allowable either.

Julie Unwin has moved to

the Countess after a number of mezzo parts. She gave Porgi amor greater confidence and volume — than many a more experienced performer. The resources are there, but they could do with colour and moulding. Imelda Drumm now knows quite a bit about Cherubino, and Voi che sapete, which has the page hovering round the Countess like an anxious puppy, was excellently judged.

This was among the better

production points in Stephen Medcalf's otherwise stolid revival of his own stolid staging. Surprisingly, the original inaugurated the new house two years ago, but it was never one Glyndebourne's better efforts. Nor have John Gunter's garish sets improved with tinkering. Richard Farnes was the judicious conductor and he will need the time with his cast

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also indulging Leif Ove Andsnes, a musician who has much in common with him and who presumably does not often find a conductor prepared to collaborate in displaying the fascinatingly hybrid qualities of Szymanowski's Fourth Symphony. Furnished with a solo plano part of concerto proportions, it is an enchantingly colourful score, at least until the

composer turns to his folk-woven hair shirt in the last of three movements. The work might be memorable more for its sound than its content but, when the textures are as exquisitely blended as on this occasion in Symphony Hall, that is scarcely a matter for regret.

If Rattle had wanted to demonstrate the influence of Borodin on Ravel he would have chosen an earlier work by the latter than Le Tombeau de Couperin - which he conducted exclusively for its surface charm — and he would have presented the former's Second Symphony in a different way. Russian symphonies are an infrequent event in Rattle's concerts with the CBSO, and Borodin's are certainly very welcome. On the other hand, there is rather more sophisticated colouring, more exotically seductive charm and more structural ingenuity in the Symphony in B minor than this somewhat gruff interpretation was prepared to admit.

GERALD LARNER

OPERA: Sopranos take a back seat at Glyndebourne; farcical stagings come from Romania Frankly

THERE are two baffling statements in the programme for Romanian National Opera's British tour to Bristol. Edinburgh, London and Canterbury. The operation, we are informed, has received the largest Business Sponsorship Incentive Scheme Award ever. And the company's recent productions "demonstrate a modern new wave conception". Quite why one penny of

Romanian National Opera Hippodrome, Bristol

private or public money should be spent on a lossilised form of theatre whose standards and skills are considerably lower than almost any opera being produced on a student budget in Britain is more baffling still.

Romanian National Opera must be big business for someone: though I doubt that the chief beneficiaries are the musicians who scrape away on their poor instruments in the pit, or the singers who stumble around on stage, dropping props and shifting uneasily into position as the lighting lurches from lurid

magenta to violet to turquoise. Now I am almost prepared to believe that the Romanian "new wave" might consist of static stand-and-deliver arias, heavily prompted dialogue, and a Papageno whose gestures resemble those in a 19thcentury lithograph - though this is strangely at odds with the invention of the country's spoken theatre, as Birmingham audiences discovered recently. But when the timpani which accompany the trial of Tamino and Pamina are a good tone and a half out of tune, further attempts at un-

derstanding begin to falter. Cornel Trailescu conducted a metronomic Die Zauberflote, with a reliable Queen of Night (Ann-Camelia Stefanescu), a strong and lustrous Pamina (Adriana Mestes) and an endearing but totally unphrased Papageno (Sever Barnea). Alexandrau Samoila conducted the company's risible Aida in which a noblevoiced chorus (with 50 extras 🕟 from Bristol) marched in endlessly symmetrical cohorts in time to the music, sedan chairs were dropped, and the two mezzo-sopranos, Mariana Colpos (Aida) and Ecaterina Tutu (Amneris), blasted their way through their roles. The rest had better be silence. If only it were.

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the law lords vit as Britain's highest court in the land. An elite band of 12 judges who wear suits, not wies and gowns, they sit five at a time in an unassuming room in the House of Lords. They are the final court of appeal and their judgments determine the law. But are they increasingly treading into new territory?

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Do they, more often, create new law - and increasingly in contentious areas of social policy. In short, are the Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, to give them their full title, assuming a more proactive role as lawmakers — more akin to the judges in the American Supreme Court?

The question is the topic for this year's Times Law Awards. Students of all ages registered with a UK educational institution are invited to write up to 1,000 words on the subject. "The law lords in the 1990s: a new Supreme Court?", and win one of several prizes totalling more than £6,000.

The topic gives entrants the chance to examine the role and ambitions of the law lords and give a personal interpretation of some of the most controversial cases decided by the law lords this decade.

Some observers of the legal scene claim that there is an increasing presumption among the highest court of the land, that rather than providing simply a definitive interpretation of the law, it has pushed the boundaries of judicial creativity. Through the exploitation of grey areas of statute, the law lords are effectively originating law in line with their own personal views - even, some may argue, with their own private agenda. Supreme but unelected, they are in effect taking

the law into their own hands. Defenders of the law lords reject such claims as the delusions of conspiracy theorists. The senior judges, rather than pursuing their own motives, have been diligent, say their supporters, in their efforts to interpret what Parliament has

actually meant when

legislation. Gaps in the law have, admittedly, been plugged via House of Lords rulings - but only in line with the intention of a particular Act Far from reaching for power. the law lords have been assiduous in striving to give effect to what Parliament intended.

The debate raises fundamental constitutional issues - and in particular, the balance of power between the executive, legislature and the judiciary.

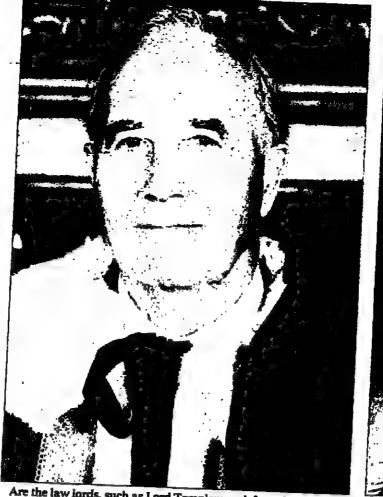
Appropriately, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, who holds a unique position as a member of both executive and judiciary, will head the team of judges of this year's Times Law

iso in the team is Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls and one of the country's most senior legal figures, Lord Mackay sits as a law lord and Lord Woolf has recently re-signed as a law lord to head the Court of Appeal civil division. They are joined by Anthony Grabiner, QC, Head of One Essex Court, sponsors of the award for the second year: Jeffrey Gruder, a leading member of chambers; and

Peter Stothard, the Editor of The

There is no shortage of source material to fuel the argument. One of the most illuminating indications of how the law lords see themselves was provided in May of this year when Lord Goff of Chieveley, now the senior law lond, remarked in the case Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale v Council of the London Borough of Islington: "It is the great advantage of a Supreme Court that not only does it have the great benefit of assistance from the judgments of the courts below but also has a greater freedom to mould, and remould the authorities to ensure that practical justice is done within the framework of principle. The present case provides an excellent example of a case in which this House should take full advantage of that freedom."

The essence of the debate can be found in the claim by Lord Goff to be able to "mould" and "remould ... within the framework of principle". Does this amount to an extension of the law lords' role? His words must be set against the sentiments expressed in 1991 by Mr Justice Halfman (now Lord) in the case of Stoke-on-Trent v B&Q plc "These questions involve compromises be-



Are the law lords, such as Lord Templeman, left, and the former law lord, Lord Woolf assuming a more proactive role as lawmakers?

tween competing interests which in a democratic society must be solved by the legislature . . . the function of the court is to review the acts of the legislature but not to substitute its own policies or values."

One feature of some controversial cases where the law lords are accused of lawmaking is that their decisions have drawn on sources

beyond Parliament. The European Convention on Human Rights has shaped a number of decisions, often to the displeasure of the Government. On other occasions, the law lords have taken account of cases in the United States as a way of constructing the "framework of principle". Adding fuel to the fire is

the current political make-up of the

law lords, which is possibly more liberal than ever before. But as they make decisions that break new ground, the law lords find themselves dubbed radicals or conserva-

Some, too, detect a rise in the

number of split rather than unanimous decisions, lending support to

being influenced by personal values or policy considerations. In 1993, in the widely reported ruling. Regina v Brown. over a group of sadomasochists and whether they could consent to violence as part of their sexual activity. Lord Templeman refused to countenance a defence of consent. The case has gone to the European Court of Human Rights.

Europe, and its influence, raises a further dimension: what role will the law lords have if Labour comes to power and incorporates the European Convention on Human Rights into United Kingdom law as it has pledged to do? The majority of senior judges are in favour of incorporation. But Lord Mackay has come out strongly against, warning that it would lead to the politicisation of the judiciary with senior judges political and other credentials up for public scrutiny, as happens with appointments to the US Supreme (this came about, public confidence in the independence and impartial-

The law lords in the 90s: a new Supreme Court? ENTRIES of no more than 1,000 words

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ity of the judiciary could be at risk.

Two cases of morale

THE market research firm MORI is embroiled in a dispute with Barbara Mills, QC. the Director of Public Proscutions, over what it sees as an attempt to undermine its poil on morale in the Crown Prosecution Service. Bob Worcester, director of MORI, complained to Sir Robin Butler, head of the Civil Service, after the DPP declined to take part in the MORI poll but then launched her own. Mr Worcester was unwilling to comment yesterday on the exchange of letters with Mrs Mills. But he is

known to be unhappy. The MORI poll was commissioned by the First Division Association, the union for senior civil servants.

A CPS spokesman said it conducted its own poli to obtain a comprehensive picture. "We felt the MORI survey would be unrepresentative. But the Director has undertaken to consider the MORI findings in relation to our development of human resources strategy."

The CPS survey has not been generally published. It found that more than half the 6.571 staff were dissatisfied with the image of the CPS and its ability to provide the public with a high quality service. Of the 2,200 prosecutors, 70 per cent were not happy with the channels of communication. But staff did cite some positive aspects, including job security, variety and the chance for responsibility.

Bash at the bar

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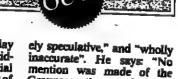


Wallace Collection on Friday to celebrate what they consider a record number of judicial appointments out of one set of chambers. They include Lord Bingham, Lord Chief Justice: Lord Justices Brooke and Potter, Tom Morison QC who is President of the Employment Appeals Tribunal; Gordon Langley QC and Timothy
Walker QC — both recently
made High Court judges and
Charles Gibson QC who has
hear made a clarate timber been made a circuit judge.

Reforming aid

THE chief executive of the Legal Aid board, Steve Orchard, has launched a furious attack against the Legal Action Group over its critical analyses of Government's plans to reform legal aid. In a letter to the group's journal, he describes an article which argued the reforms would be unlikely to increase access to justice variously as "unrea-soned." "ill-informed," "larg-

SOLICITORS were treated to a vision of the future at their conference on Saturday. Warning that the day of the cyberspace solicitor was nigh, Tony Girling, president of the Law Society, right, said many solicitors had only "just caught up with the word processor and fax". He reminded them of the prophecy of Warren Bennis, Professor of Business Administration at the University of California: the office of the future would have just a man and a dog. The man will be there to feed the dog. The dog will be there to keep the man from touching the equipment"



inaccurate". He says: "No mention was made of the Government's stated intention to proceed carefully with each step being fully in-formed by pilots." The letter goes on to reveal just how stunned the board has been by recent judicial criticism of

Willing charity

CLIENTS are more likely to leave money to charity if solicitors broach the subject. according to a survey of 1,500 law firms sponsored by the charity Jewish Care and Smee & Ford, who work for more than 800 charities. Legacies make up one third of the voluntary income raised for UK charities, with many relying on legacies for more than 60 per cent of their voluntary income. Daryl Green, Jewish Care's legacy executive, said: "We hope solicitors will take a more proactive role."

Boat for sale

BARRISTERS are being tempted with the enticing and novel offer of setting up their chambers on a narrow boat. The 36ft steel hulled boat is being advertised for sale in the Gray's Inn Library noticeboard and may be attractive to barristers being squeezed by high rents within the Inn. The boat, which has a "good engine", a telephone and electricity is moored on the Grand Union Canal, Islington, "within a short walk of Gray's Inn". A snip at £18,000.

Smooth talking

THE Law Society has reas-sured solicitors that they need not lose sleep over the Neil Hamilton cash for questions affair. Writing in the Law Society's Gazette, the society's parliamentary lobbyist, Chris Philipsbora, says there is no need for individual solicitors, specialist lawyers' groups and the large city. the large city firms to pay MPs to get their message across in Parliament. "There are some 650 MPs," he writes. "One can always be found to support a cause. All it requires is research and persuasion."

Posts deserted

TWO City lawyers are deserting their posts to join two pretenders to the City law firms' throne. Graeme Brister, who in 1985 was one of the youngest lawyers to become a partner at Linklaters & Paines, is joining the Leeds/Birmingham combine Pinsent Curtis to run its London office. Peter Richards-Carpenter is leaving as head of Baker & McKenzie's financial services to join Garret & Co.

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Rushing from A to B in real comfort

ir Michael Bishop, the shrewd and well-respected chairman of British Midland, is convinced that Europe's business travellers have had enough of watching the penmes, sticking rigidly to ever tighter hudgets and being forced to rub shoulders - literally - with leisure air passengers.

His instincts are backed by a new survey from Visa Internationall which indicates that Britain's business travellers are beginning to robel against the pressures and strenes of the cut-threat climate of the fosts. They now want to put their travel time to more effective use - and that means taking naire time on heard for relaxation.

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Despite the apparent unstoppahle rise of the "no frills" airlines and the continuing demand for ever lower air fares. Sir Michael is prepared to spend heavily in giving pride and status back to the domestic as well as the European

business traveller. He does not believe that budget airlines will find it easy to succeed in Europe and he is convinced that the long-term profitability of British Midland is more likely to be assured by business travellers prepared to pay £230 for a full unrestricted return fare between London and Glasgow than by leisure travellers paying £58 for a heavily restricted Apex return.

Sir Michael is to introduce better meals and novel "concertina" seats which stretch to accommodate a business traveller and then shrink back to the shoulder-rubbing closeness of economy class travel. Business class lounges are to be

Harvey Elliott on the business of travel throughout Europe and what clients can expect for their money



British Midland is giving status back to the business executive

built at key airports with new machines to enable passengers with hand luggage to "swipe" their credit card for instant boarding passes. The same standards of service will be given throughout both domestic and intra-European business class.

Dumestic air services are now one class. But there are up to eight separate fares depending on when the ticket was booked and on the number of restrictions attached to it. Yet regular business travellers are irritated when they sit beside someone who may have paid half as much as they did and yet who get the same standard and quality of service. There is no incentive to pay more with only one class, British Midland says.

The problem is that this means

that business fares will remain high -- a phenomenon which is already concerning Neil Kinnock, the European transport commissioner, He claims that on many EC routes, fares are often "significantly higher than costs". He is

eatening to launch an inquiry into excessive pricing on fully Reable business class tickets. But business travellers - even

on such short routes as Heathrow to Glasgow or from Heathrow to Paris - expect to be treated rather well. As the economy improves and the belts can be loosened just that little bit, they seem prepared to pay for it too. On average, European business

travellers spend a third of their working life — 52 hours a month —

complain of the rules imposed by their head offices which means them flying at unsociable hours, using designated airlines, staying in inconveniently stied hotels and being forced to use expromy class travelsays the Visa survey.

Business movel is on the increase both in short and long-haul routes, it is the business traveller who has triggered the enormous structural changes in the industry, epitomised by the planned alliance between British Airways and American Airlines.

Both have realised that husiness travel crosses all national bound-aries and that the businessman with a company in Baroclana who has to fly to America has to go through a major "hub" airport to catch a long distance flight. That change can be made at Madrid. Paris, Frankfuri or London and the overriding criterion which will decide which he chooses is the case of booking and the number of transatlantic flights available.

Lufthansa, KLM, SAS and others have already made arrangements with American Airlines which are designed to attract these vital "feeder" passengers.

But it is a trend which does not please Richard Branson, whose Virgin Atlantic has achieved an enviable reputation for service and quality among business passengers. Over the past ten years his airline has taken a 5 per cent share of the entire market between Europe and America and is rapidly expanding its operations on other long haul business routes.

But with no natural "feed" of the alliance goes ahead and Heathpassengers from smaller cities to row is thrown open, competition is



Europe's business people expect excellent service, and are prepared to pay more for it

help to fill the 400 or so seats on its bound to lead to a lowering of fares jumbo jets, the airline is bound to be squeezed by those who do. American and BA claim that if

and further improvement in the quality of service. Virgin predicts that BA/AA will eventually have a monopoly and that business fares especially will then soar.

For millions of European business travellers - even more so than the airlines involved - the decisions taken by regulatory bodies and governments within the next few weeks could be vital.

Eurostar finally gets up to speed

Steve Keenan on a

company that now has the powerful marketing of Virgin behind it

The Virgin takeover of Eurostar marketing this autumn gave business travel through the Channel Tunnel its biggest fillip to date. The company brought its airline expertise to bear on the rail service to Paris and Brussels and this was reflected immediately in pricing, advertising and marketing.

Virgin inherited a service that has already largely overcome the technical problems which plagued Eurostar in its first two years. It also inherited an expanding departure schedule - 14 daily services to Paris and eight to Brussels — which now matches those of airlines and fulfils a key business

travel criterion of frequency. But its growth - from 3.9 million to 6.4 million passengers in the year to August 1996, an increase of 64 per cent - has largely been in the leisure market which has low profit margins. Virgin is looking to chase the floating business traveller with a series of enhancements and service initiatives. and a new pricing structure also introduced on October I.

Virgin has copied its airline structure in having four classes of travel and introducing a new top-tier level, Premium First. The old First is now Business First, followed by Economy Plus and Standard.

The addition of Premium First means that Eurostar has bumped up ticket prices to £352 return from £265, the Business First fare. For the extra £87, travellers receive free car parking at Ashford and, to follow, a free taxi or chauffeured motorbike.

But they also have the option of flying out or back by British Midland on a fully interchangeable ticket, a big bonus for business travellers who 2 often change plans at the last minute. For both Premium and Business



Eurostar has met key business travel agents to discuss improvements

First passengers, innovations this month include cutting check-in times to ten minutes, express check-in aisles and business lounges. A free standard return ticket comes with both classes and a frequent traveller points scheme

urostar has also got to grips with allowing ticket changes to d be made over the telephone. rather than having to issue new tickets and forcing travellers to apply for refunds. Meanwhile, ticket dispensers have been installed in business travel agencies and are linked to computer reservation systems (crs), allowing immediate ticketing.

Such measures are specifically aimed at driving up profits from the business travel market while addressing weaknesses in the product. A Eurostar team recently met key business travel agents to discuss other areas where improvements could be

The innovations go some way to

addressing grievances between the two camps, particularly on the collec-tion of tickets at Waterloo where long queues at busy times have meant waiting up to 30 minutes. One in five business travellers collect Eurostar

tickets on departure.

Mike Plats, director of commercial affairs at Hogg Robinson, says: "We would like to see a much smoother or automated way of picking up tickets. It is a source of irritation which Eurostar

has vowed to put right."
The complaint was echoed by Brian Cronk, the commercial director of Carlson Wagonlit. "It isn't improving - there are good days and bad days and it is sometimes chaos at Waterloo," he says. "It needs a dedicated area for people travelling First Class." He said Eurostar's reservation sys-tem was also incapable of booking seats next to each other and suggested

that the service should provide a quiet Business travel agents are also asking whether the new top fare of

which took over Eurostar's UK fran-chise and will build the new rail link from London to the turnel. owever, the Eurostar service is also one-third owned by

£352 can be justified. Mr Platt says: "Each train has 800 seats to fill, so it

could be argued the price shouldn't be

Eurostar price war is on the cards. Virgin is one of six companies in the

London & Continental consortium

But there are early signs that a

SNCF French Railways and gian Railways. SNCF is appr ing firms that spend heavily with offers of a corporate discount. Eurostar UK has responded in kind, while offering a joint discount agree-ment for both Eurostar and Virgin

Competition between SNCF and Eurostar UK towards offering cheaper fares or bigger corporate discounts is almost inevitable. There is no doubt of Eurostar's appeal to business travellers as the service has already taken more than half the air market to Paris

Passenger numbers flying between Heathrow and Paris CDG fell by 30 per cent last year from a peak of 3.3 million in 1993. On October 28, Air France follows Air UK and British Midland in ending flights to Paris Orly airport, instead of building services to Paris CDG to profit from travellers connecting with its longhaul network.

Carlson Wagonlit saw its air revenue to Paris fall by 30 per cent last year, while Eurostar revenues ruse by

The company also saw a 24 per cent increase in Eurostar passengers changing trains at Lille or Paris for

other cities in France. While the appeal of Eurostar has largely been restricted to date to users in central London or Kent. the planned expansion of Eurostar services from cities throughout the UK will also heighten its profile. Daytime services from Manchester Birmingham start in March, and from Glasgow in June, calling at other UK stations en route. Overnight trains to Paris are due to follow.

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Top hotels cash in on executive five-star fever

usiness hotels are commanding higher rates as demand from executive travellers reaches its ighest point since the late 1980s.

A survey from the consultants arthur Andersen shows that the iverage rate for a London luxury notel is, for the first time, more than 200 a night, and that such top ondon hotels as the Berkeley. Tlaridge's, Grosvenor House. andmark and Savoy are nearly ull during the crucial midweek

"If you turn up during the week and expect a room on the spot, then you will probably be unlucky," said Tim Steel from Arthur Andersen.

The highest average room rate among 20 hotels surveyed was £282, although Andersen declines to name rates at individual hotels because of the survey's confidentiality.

For the first time, North Americans are the biggest single source of guests for London luxury hotels. accounting for just over 36 per cent, with continental Europeans, at 20.4 per cent, just ahead of British-

London is not alone in experiencing higher rates, according to business travel agency Hogg Robinson. "The general increase in hotel rates worldwide reflects both a growing general demand for hotel accommodation and a renewed interest in more expensive moms," said Carolyn Moore, Hogg Robinson's divisional manager for

"There is evidence that some travellers who had to downgrade from four and five star hotels during the recession are now becoming confident enough to return to them.

The more common trend, which is leading to higher average room rates, is to upgrade to more expensive rooms in the same hotels. Companies tend to be booking 'executive' rooms instead of the

Business travellers want to feel good,

and now they're happy to pay for

the privilege, says **David Churchill**

'standard' rooms more commonly requested in 1995."

According to the Hogg survey, Japan and Russia remain the most expensive countries to visit on business travel: Japan's average room rate rose almost 28 per cent this year in comparison with 1995.

Hong Kong moved from fourth place to top in Hogg's survey as the world's most expensive city, with an average rate of £155; London came 41st out of the 83 cities

In Western Europe, Italy experienced the biggest jump in average room rates - up II per cent -while Belgium. The Netherlands and Germany saw their rates decline, "German cities such as Cologne and Berlin have softened their rates and are offering discounts even during their peak 'trade fair' periods." said Mnore.

Although business travellers appear more willing to pay higher room rates, there is still concern over extra charges imposed by hotels. The institute of Travel Management, which represents corporate travel buyers, last week met with representatives of the leading hotel chains to voice that concern. The managers argued that extra mom charges could add at

least 20 per cent to room prices. While many executives avoid the excessive surcharges imposed by hotels on telephone calls by using a mobile phone or special calling card such as offered by BT. AT&T

> Even small hotels are embracing new technology: the Chesterfield in Mayfair, central London, claims to be the first hotel in Europe to introduce an Internet service in all its 110 rooms. The system uses inroom televisions to provide a specially compiled Internet software package. Guests use a handheld keyboard similar to a television remote control to access electronic editions of thousands of all over the world. The system is tailor-made to the Chesterfield's guest profile — mainly overseas business people — and also offers Internet web sites on business.

for guests to come in switch on their television and be able to read their hometown newspaper on the screen." said Peter Wood, general

concern is hotel laundry services

A survey by Business Traveller magazine concluded that "too many hotels appear not to have adjusted their laundry services in line with their guests' demanding travel patterns".

Andrew Solum, an ITM member and travel manager for inmarsat, the satellite communications company, said: "What is the use of naving a laundry service from Qam until 7pm, when travellers turn up at 10pm and are away for a meeting or to catch a flight at 7 o'clock the next morning?

According to the Business Traveller survey, European hotels have some of the highest laundry and dry cleaning charges in the world. with London coming out top of the 22 cities surveyed.

Hoteliers prefer to focus on their efforts to win business travellers through other facilities, especially in-room technology. Following on from developments in the US: the leading hotel chains such as Inter-Continent, Marriott and Hyatt all believe the trend in business travel is for executives to want an office in their hotel rooms.

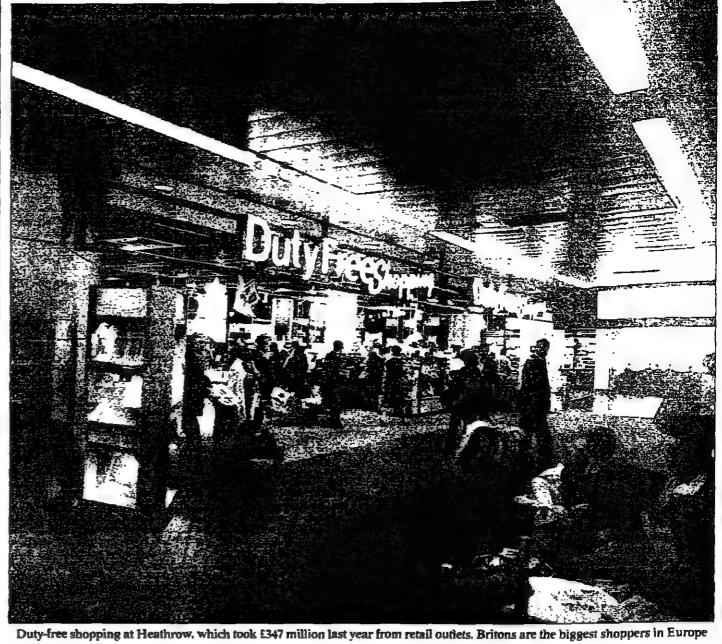
Most of the main business chains offer dual telephone lines, voice mail, modern links and computer access points, along with large desks, ergonomically designed chairs and better lighting.

Some hotels also have personal computers available, with the newly-opened Lindner Congress Hotel in Frankfurt claiming to be the first in Europe to offer a PC terminal in all its 315 rooms. Rooms have a modem, fax machine and multifunction ISDN phones with voice

Claiming to be Europe's most technologically advanced hotel, it also has in-room television which offers 35 cable and satellite channels, 30 in-house video channels and eight Nintendo computer games installed.

finance, sport, weather and London entertainment news.

"We thought it would be useful



EU presses on with tax law

The countdown is well under way to the abolition of dutyfree shopping in the UK, ending the seemingly innocuous pleasure of buying a cheap bottle of whisky or case of wine.

The failure of Eurotunnel earlier this year to bring forward the scrapping of duty-free means shoppers have until June 30, 1999.

The European Union insists that duty-free is incompatible with single-market laws. But the prolobby points out that duty-free is a £12 billion worldwide industry of which Europe accounts for half and says duty-free creates jobs. reduces airline prices and that its

demise is unnecessary.

The loss of duty-free income will have a serious impact on our revenue. Airport traffic charges could rise by up to 25 per cent and fares by 10 per cent," says Birmingham airport retail manager Steve Hodgetts.

system continues, the airports and the ferry companies are working on the basis that the privilege will go. It will be as hard on the retailers as the customers, the seven BAA airports in particular having become increasingly dependent on shopping income since the capping of airport charges by the Government.

Heathrow, helped by the weakness of sterling, earned £347

Steve Keenan reports on what the loss of duty-free shopping will mean

million from retail in the year to March 31. 1996, compared with £258 million from airport charges and £133 million from its property

The airport took two-thirds of the £550 million carned by all seven BAA airports. Gatwick taking El. 8 million and Southampton, Stansted. Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen sharing

The story is repeated elsewhere. Newcastle airport saw retail income up 19 per cent last year, helped by new outlets in a 55.7 million extended terminal complex. This month Birmingham extended its shopping area by 170 sq metres to include swimwear. Timberland. Guinness and photo-

graphic products. important stream of income and a vital element in assisting us to finance the future development of Birmingham International Airport," says managing director Brian Summers.

Duty-free sales also represent vital income for the ferry operators. Eurotunnel has more than trebled its shopping area at Folkestone to 24 tills, taking close to El million a week. The British are the

biggest shoppers in Europe. Two in five will buy duty-free goods. easily outstripping the 25 per cent of Germans who stop to shop.

The rapid development and diversification of goods at Heathrow was reflected in this month's Business Traveller, in which the airport leapt from fourth to top slot in a 1996 poll on the best dutyfree airport. It pushed Amsterdam into second slot, followed by Singapore Changi, Dubai and Gatwick. The airport rated worst is New York JFK, followed by Los Angeles, Bangkok, Bombay and Hong Kong.

But although the airports and ferries are cashing in while they can, they are not sitting back and waiting for the 1999 deadline. With the EU fixed in its attitude, ping is inexorable. Once past passport control, the ferries, airlines and airports can sell VATfree goods, often with further discounts off High Street prices. And it is tax-free that is growing. There is a Beauty Centre and Selfridges at Heathrow: Austin Reed and Next stores at Gatwick; Virgin megastore at Paris Charles de Gaulle and at Amsterdam Schiphol airport, an entire

shopping centre with 120,000 items. Airports like Schiphol and Dubai have international reputations for their scale of shopping. travellers often deliberately flying via them to take advantage.

Britain's airports are only beginning to catch up. attempting to squeeze more space out of terminais not designed to be shopping

At Gatwick, BAA is trying another development — electronic shopping. Galleria Twenty-One is a computer screen display, enabling travellers to order and send flowers, for example, and pay by swiping a credit card.

Technology is the one bonus for the airlines, envious of airport and ferry capacity and constrained by space and weight restrictions. Many airlines have now incorporated shopping channels in seatback videos, allowing passengers to collect goods at their airport on arrival.

£500,000 on an on-board computer to speed up credit card transactions and improve tracking of sales and inventory which, in

tests, increased sales by 5 per cent. However, the prospect of 1999 holds little fear for the airlines. "We receive a negligible income from duty-free sales, so our operations and ticketing will not be greatly affected," says a spokeswoman for Air France.

As of October 27:

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Hire firms ride again

ertz has been adver-tising on television in Britain for the first time in a decade, a sure sign that money is back in a sector that has been in the doldrums for many years.

In common with other aspects of business travel, income from car hire fell in the first half of the 1990s and has only recently picked up, enabling rental firms to put up prices by 15 per cent this year. Some rental companies will not accept one-day bookings, particularly midweek, and the average length of rental has crept up to 4.3 days.

The recession has forced

rental firms to become leaner. Their customers have much tighter travel policies and are demanding more for their money. The bonus for car hire firms is that technology has had such an impact on the sector that quicker pre-book-ing, collection and drop-off of cars and detailed billing is now a standard feature.

Hire firms know that business travellers require, above all, lack of hassle. The need to pick up and drop off a car as quickly as possible is a prime consideration when choosing

a rental company. But they also know that hiring a car is an unglamorous aspect of business travel for most people, a functional mode of transport lacking the appeal of an airline or hotel room. Loyalty is earned by service and a host of extras such as bonus points schemes, mobile phones or laptop computers and in-car computers giving routes and traffic information.

The firms have to tackle two markets: individual business travel hirers and the corporates, who between them account for more than half of all car rentals booked in Britain. Car rental companies are regaining customers. Steve Keenan reports

Working with a business travel agency is one of the most important keys to a corporate heart. A survey by Avis showed that more cars were hired because of agency recommendations than because of prices. Another

important factor in car rental is the alliances between car rental and airline or hotel companies. The use of one gives discounts or upgrades on

joined Lufthansa's loyalty scheme and has relationships

with British Airways. Air France and Alitalia. It also has marketing deals with Eurotunnel and even Disneyland Paris. Meanwhile. Dollar customers now benefit on American Airlines and Alamo hirers with Hyatt,

TWA. United and Northwest, anwang others. Avis, remarkably, has alliances with 33

airlines. Trying to buy loyalty is crucial to car hire firms, as in any other sector of business travel. But it is in technology that some of the most 'Loyalty is

important distincearned by tions are made. The Wizard reservations system service used by Avis. one of the longest-es-tablished in the and a host field, used to douof extras' ble as a fleet man-

agement system. Firms can discover how often executives rent cars. what grade and for how long. Rental agreements can also be drawn up in advance, so keys can be picked up from an automated booth which tells them the bay number. Speed of service is particularly im-



Hertz's TV ad: a sign of increasing demand for car hire

portant at airports, which account for 27 per cent of corporate spending on car

Hertz has taken the process further at Heathrow, where members of its El Club Gold programme see their name and parking bay displayed. The documents and keys are in the car, and identification is required only at the gate. Gold rentals now account for 30 per cent of Hertz business at airports and the programme is one of the main thrusts of its TV advertising campaign.

Companies such Europear. Eurodollar. Hertz and Alamo also issue customers with credit card-style ID cards through which data including payment details and driving licence can be accessed quickly in booking cars.

Eurodollar recently issued new cards, available to customers paying direct and with credit facilities linked to a company account, either of which can be swiped through a reader in the branch. The company was also the first rental firm offering quotes on the Internet, but without a booking facility, while its management system is now avail-able in a Windows format.

For a few business travellers, style is more important than management systems or access to an airline loyalty scheme. Alongside standard Vauxhalls or Fords, the range of hire cars for hire now includes Ferraris, Jaguars even Harley-Davidson motorbikes.

Budget makes a point of offering luxury cars. They include a Jaguar XJS for £149 a day or £649 for a week, and a Mercedes C-class Elegance for Eb9 daily or E345 for the week. The company also has three Harley-Davidsons at Heathrow from £99 a day.

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in for a surprise New European Union regulations come into force which will, for the first time, create a totally deregulated market for arrives based within the L.C. plus Norway and

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The full implementation of the so-called Third Package of aviation liberalisation measures - which began in January 1993 will from April allow European airlines to operate domestic flights anywhere within Europe. Since 1993. European carriers have had free access to all routes. apart from purely domestic services, thus eliminating the requirement that journess should start or finish in the carrier's host

Thus, for example, a French airline could offer a service between Madrid and Milan without the need to be routed via a French airport, From April, restrictions on foreign carriers operating purely domestic services in another member state will be abolished. The spectre of Lufthansa flying services between London and Manchester in competition with British Airways could, therefore, become a reality, although the German airline might be too worried about Air France attacking its Frankfurt to Berlin routes to bother about Manchester.

What impact will deregulation have? "Liberalisation will change the face of European business travel and the major players involved, among them corporaAn open sky and lower fares

Lufthansa

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cumpanies," Kyle Davis, head of American Express's European Air Fares Unit,

Some of the biggest changes will be felt by the business traveller. It is likely that the individual traveller will have to get used to a culture of constant change. There may be a more convenient choice of schedules, but he or she will often be dealing with new or unfamiliar carriers. Add-ons, such as business lounges, may disappear as services become more basic, particularly at smaller airports.

"As the US experience has shown, lower fares may also increase the total amount of air travel, leading to busier airports. And if the blurring that some foresee between schedule and charter does happen, then the business flyer may well find that he will have to accept the company of leisure travellers, tou." Mr Davis's comments may be ahead of

the game as the indications are that Europe's airlines are not planning a major shake-up of their strategies post-April, especially to take each other on head-to-head in their home markets. Moreover, American Express's own survey of changes since deregulation

started in 1993, suggests that "passengers

have not noticed a radical improvement in the choice of airlines on major routes".

The reasons, the Amer study suggest, have been partly to do with European recession and partly because of Europe's geography. Most of Europe's business travel takes place within the densely populated "golden circle" bounded by Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, Milan, Paris and London where there are fewer

New EU rules mean airlines can operate domestic flights anywhere within Europe secondary airports, compounding the problem of slot congestion at most major

hub airports The unavailability of slots elsewhere has made the large carriers reluctant to move away from their home airports from where they can at least exercise dominance over their home markets," the Amer report says,

British Airways has been most active in

take account of deregulation with its acquisition of TAT, the French domestic airline, which it now owns 100 per cent, and with a stage of just under 50 per cent in Deutsche Ba, the German domestie carrier. Amile both these airlines operate under BA livery and standards, from April BA will have the added advantage of being able to display its own code on computer reservation systems for both

But Ba, like most of its Luropean compensate, has found European fiying an expensive business. "Our cost of providing a smit has risen faster than the co customers are prepared to pay in a highly competitive marketplace." Bob Asling, inlet executive of BA, says

Hence the move towards low-cost operations via franchising, BA has put in place six franchise partnerships with regional carriers over the past three years. most of which operate under the BA Express brand Air France also has a franchised service between Southampton and Paris CDG operated by the small UK carner Brit Air and branded as Air France Express

These attempts to establish lower-cost operations have also come in response to

the growth of "no-frills" airlines. I concept, which originated in Ameri offers travellers a point-to-point fin across Europe without any of the add benefits such as free meals and draalthough you can buy these on boar bigger sears, and other services.

Fares can be 50 per cent or more low than on scheduled carriers, althou much depends on when and where w fly. Scheduled carriers base their me expensive fares on fewer restriction which suit business travellers. No-fri airlines operate out of cheaper airporsuch as Luton, offer no on-board refrements, and sell tickets directly witho having to pay travel agents' commission and other distribution costs.

But no-frills operators such as East,I surprisingly report that it has identified significant proportion of business trave lers among its holidaymakers, includin some from large corporations as well a small to medium-sized businesses.

uch airlines may come and go, the US experience is emulated i Europe, but there seems little doubt that the pace of change is Europe's skies is beginning to gathe momentum. For business traveliers, the issue is how far they are prepared to puup with less comfort in return for saving money. As one executive quoted in the Ames report wively commented: In two years, time there will still be two cabins or the London to Amsterdam service."

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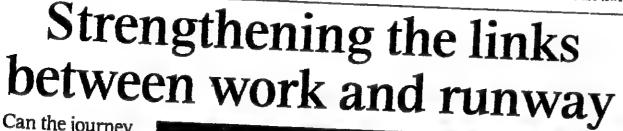
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Can the journey

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ichard Branson claiming a new first in the airline world: a drive-through check-in service at Heathrow for business passengers on Virgin Atlantic, David Churchill writes.

Mr Branson, chairman of the airline, says: "We expect to whisk up to 200 Upper Class passengers a day through this new limousine service -another world first for air

Virgin's Upper Class passengers, who are already driven to the airport in a complimentary Range Rover, are taken to a special area at the Terminal 3 short-term car park where a check-in agent and baggage porter complete formalities. Once equipped with a boarding pass they are dropped off at the departures level and walk with hand baggage only through the Fast Track security and immigration channels and into Virgin's clubhouse lounge.

Virgin has consistently adopted a strategy of cosseting its business class passengers even before they get to the airport - it was the first airline to offer a free limousine transfer and also has motorbikes available for a faster journey through heavy traffic and its new service will clearly take some of the hassle out of airport journeys and may be extended elsewhere.

Delays in getting to and through airports remain one of the biggest problems for business travellers. A survey by the magazine Executive Travel about the problems of travelling to London's airports suggested that, while in theory there are good connections. "the reality proves to be somewhat different, because of traffic jams and road rage on clogged motorways and system failures, industrial disputes and frayed nerves on the underfunded Underground".

The airport authorities are aware of the problems and Heathrow access should be helped by the planned Paddington Express Rail-link due in 1998. But BAA is taking no

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chances with plans for a temporary station close to the airport to enable a limited service, with access by shuttle bus, to be in operation before the main service opens. Total journey time from Paddington under this scheme would be

just 25 minutes. The airport authorities have several other plans under con-sideration for turning Heathrow into a major rail hub. although these are dependent on private finance. One of the plans under discussion involves a fast rail link between Heathrow and Gatwick, a move which would increase the popularity of Gatwick with

Those business travellers who prefer travelling to the airport by car are being wooed by the development of valet parking services. Corporate clients of Hogg Robinson, for example, can have their car parked when arriving at the terminal, and need only to make a freephone call to have

it returned. Hogg Robinson charges £13.50 for one day and £31.50 for three days. Other valet parking operators charge just over £24 for one day and £45 for three, although the longer travellers stay away the cheaper the service becomes in comparison with long-stay car parking charges. Hogg, for example, charges a fixed rate of £67.50 for ii days or more, much cheaper than using the long-

stay car parks.
Once inside the airport, the Fast Track system continues to be well regarded by most business travellers (offering a speedy transit through security and customs, with added benefits at duty free and bureaux de change), although there are some reports that congestion can be as bad during busy periods as the normal transit channels.

In particular, the Blue Track system used in some US airports is also causing concern: business travellers using

Miami airport, for example, have found the situation chaotic. They have particular difficulty finding the blue line to steer them through the Fast Track System. The newest lounge development at Heathrow is that of United Airlines. As with the British Airways and American Airlines arrival lounges, this offers 3,000 square feet of showers, individual valets, and personal baggage service to get luggage to hotels, breakfast and business facilities.

United has also just opened arrival lounges at Chicago and Miami airports. Mark Schwab, United's UK general manager, also points out that arrivals facilities for business travellers to freshen up are also available at many continental airports, including Frankfurt, Dusseldorf, Paris, Brussels and Amsterdam. We think we have the most comprehensive and modern facilities for our arriving business passengers," he says.

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An expense account too far

etter handling of the way European companies process their business travel expenses could save 6 per it of their annual business travel its - equivalent to a financial ring of about £5.6 billion a year, cording to a new survey.

The survey of 77 major European npanies, carried out by Price aterhouse, the consultant, on be-If of American Express found that ost companies waste time and oney attempting to reconcile the ivel expenses of executives on the ove. This reconciliation accounts r about three quarters of the indden processing costs of business avel, apart from the actual cost of

rline and hotel bookings.
The study shows that the business aveller spends considerable time blecting receipts, itemising ex-enses and calculating exchange

Vahan Eminian, a senior Amex ice-president, says the survey shows hat reducing "the previously hidden osts of business travel represents ne of the most important opportuni-es companies have in the 1990s to eliver substantial savings on operat-

In the majority of the companies urveyed by the consultants, an verage of 20 expense reports for verseas travel were submitted by xecutives each year. Price Vaterhouse suggests that this could ne reduced to II reports if an automated system were adopted.

Other ways of saving money

Independent advice could save companies more than £5 billion a year on travel costs, says David Churchill

departments and letting executives make their own bookings electronically. The scope for savings on business travel is significant, as the generally accepted figure of spending by Brit-

ish companies on all their business travel expenses (including entertaining) is estimated to be more than £20 In the United States, according to

the figures released by Amex last week, corporate business travel spending is forecast to reach a record high this year of \$156 billion (£100 billion) compared with \$150 billion in

Mr Eminian says: "With business travel and related expenses rated as the third largest controllable corporate expense after salaries and data processing, any well-managed company should be seeking to improve

control over its travel spending."

But getting to grips with controlling costs does not mean simply putting pressure on the airlines and hotels for better deals, says Richard Lovell, managing director of Carlson Wagonlit Travel in the UK. "Such savings through tough negotiation with suppliers may be vastly out-weighed by the implementation of a successful travel policy, focusing company travel spend on a few selected suppliers," he says.

Business travel agencies are helping companies to implement their



Vahan Eminian: delivers savings

policies - including consolidating all European or even global travel. The main agencies - Amex, Carlson and Hogg Robinson — are now moving away from their traditional role as agents (taking a commission from the airlines, hotels and car-rental companies) and are now working as consultants to their corporate clients.

This role has been partly forced on the agents by the airlines' move towards "capping" the commission the agents receive, thus reducing their income. But the agents also

recognise that as companies feel the need to control travel spending, so advice from an agency becomes not only useful but also necessary.

Mr Lovell says: "Companies are becoming more sophisticated about travel management. But with the delayering of management during the recession and since, they often do not have enough scope to manage their travel as effectively. This is something we can do better than they can, and this is being realised."

In return, the agents are switching to a management fee system, especially with larger clients. Such systems have several variations, mainly to do with ways of coping with the commission airlines and hotels still pay. One practice is for such commission to go straight to the company, which then pays a fee to the agent.

Large companies, however, are also now employing high-level specialist travel managers to help to manage their travel expenditure. Unilever, for example, has a corporate culture of letting its worldwide operations (it has more than 300,000 employees in 80 countries and sales of £32 billion a year) operate fairly autonomously within its overall framework.

But in 1994 it recruited an experienced travel industry executive. Derek Jewson, to oversee its travel spending, to manage it more effectively and reduce some of the estimated £350 million the company spends on business travel and related costs. Mr Jewson, who had worked for

travel companies including British Airways and Hogg Robinson, says the aim was to put the same sort of management discipline over our travel spending as we do when launching something like a new brand of detergent".

His approach, however, has not been to impose any systems on the operating companies but to offer advice and examples to show them how they can get a better deal

ll the 27 UK operating companies were asked a year ago to join a committee advising best buy on travel (Cabot). Much of what Cabot has tackled so far is simply "good housekeeping and clarification of existing policies. One major issue, however, has been dealing with equent flyer programmes.

Mr Jewson says: "Our approach has been to recognise that we operate in the real world and that these programmes exist. But while we do not stop people accepting them, we do insist that they travel in the most cost-effective way for Unilever. If we find out, for example, that a traveller has plumped for a more expensive BA flight just to get Air Miles when there is a perfectly acceptable flight on another carrier, 20 per cent cheaper than BA, then we draw that individual's attention to the position."

This, adds Mr Jewson, is usually enough to end the matter.



Incentive trips include dog-sledging expeditions in Lapland

Fancy a spot of Arctic sledging?

An action trip abroad can be a big incentive to motivate successful staff

The good times are back in at least one part of the travel industry - the incentives market. Gung-ho motivation of sales staff by treating high-achievers to exrage in the overheated, yuppie 1980s. Then recession struck

and conspicuous hedonism at the company's expense be-came more difficult to justify to

John Fisher, managing director of Page & Moy Marketing, says that his company's sales are up 25 per cent on last year. "In times of cost-cutting. you couldn't be seen to be doing it," he says, "but now that the feel-good factor is back, companies are beginning to appreciate the value of relationship building again. When money is not so tight. people start looking for that

"In good times, cash incentives are regarded as cynical. destinations. Ireland, with its

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are economic units there to make money. Travel makes them feel as if they are valued as people." The compan-

ies keenest to in the automotive industries. pharmaceuticals, information technology,

financial services and telecommunications. Sarah Webster, executive director of the Incentive Travel and Meetings Association, estimates that the UK industry is now worth £600 million, up

from £500 million in 1994. Len Altman, director at Maritz, says: "Nothing creates the same sort of desire as travel to an exotic location but it is not just that or the value of a trip. It is also that they are a symbol of success."

Such trips are usually hosted by the head of the sales team or the company for which they distribute, which means that participants can socialise with top executives. Mike Whiteman, sales and

marketing manager for Hogg Robinson's incentive travel division, says that the trips allow well-heeled people to do something as a group that even they could not afford or organise on

Mr Whiteman says that incentives are no longer restricted to sales forces, traditionally the major beneficia-ries of such largesse. "Strategically, companies are starting to take a more teamapproach and have noticed the potential of integrating areas such as accounts

and marketing on incentives." he says.

Destinations are also conting into line with economic realities. Graham Fraser. a Maritz director, says: "Until expanding their horizons by about 500 miles each year. The perception was that the further you went the better it got, and there were trips to countries such as China, Japan and New Zealand. For the next few years, during the recession. the word we heard more and more when choosing a destination was 'appropriate'. Budgets did not change but the perception had to be less glamorous.'

Now, it seems, long-haul is back in favour, although at least half of incentive trips are believed to be short-hauf, with Europe's most appealing cities - Paris, Barcelona, Vienna and Prague - among the top It makes people feel as if they reputation for the craic, is also

gaining popularity. In the search for novelty. some incentive organisers the frigid enterclude watching

the Aurora Borealis, skidooing on motorised snow-bikes. reindeer and husky sledging. Arctic saunas and "lumberjack parties", which apparently involve chainsaws and

copious vodka. The United States remains the number one long-haul destination, although people now visit less familiar parts of America. Mr Fraser suggests Scottsdale (the fast-growing neighbour of Phoenix, Arizona). Santa Fe and Colorado. Ms Webster advises trips to New Orleans, Boston and

iso proving very popular are southern Africa A although there is a shortage of hotels - and Australia. South America is tipped to grow in popularity.

When it comes to what customers want to do on their trips, the message seems to be that Britons do not mind a spot of white-water rafting or game tracking but they do like five-star luxury treatment at the end of the day. "It is still difficult to sell places like India and Burma," says Mr Fraser.
The French, and particular the Germans, are prepared to go three-star if they will get an

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Frequent traveller loyalty schemes are a big hit, but the taxman is

coming, says Catherine Chetwynd

ou can almost earn jokajih pounaca du having your hair cur these days. Points for Air Miles are being awarded at restaurants and petrol stations, by airlines, and by credit-eard, car-rental and his tel companies. But far from diluting the appeal, ready availability has turned loyalty credits into a second currency

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Spouses are suing for points in divorce actions, claiming they are entitled to some spinoff from the so-called lexury of business travel, and families even bicker over rights to the bonuses of deceased relations. But companies are begin-

ning to question the advantages of loyalty schemes, as employees pursue not the company travel policy, but the most rewarding airline or hotel group. Research undertaken by MORI on behalf of Carlson Wagonlit, the business travel agent, shows that executives and travel managers admit Air Miles and frequent-flyer schemes oxild play an important role in affecting the choice of carrier.

In addition, the travel agent's guide to frequent-flyer programmes shows that while one carrier proves most lucrative on route A. another turns up trumps on route B, putting paid to any hope of consistency if travellers are left to their own devices in the quest for more mileage points.

Procter & Gamble led the

way in ruling that points should be returned to the corporation, since they paid for the tickets. However, in the end, loss of morale exceeded cust savings, and the edict was rescinded. More than 50 Swedish companies, including Vulvo. Electrolux and Saab are pressing SAS to redesign its Eurobonus scheme so that points are automatically returned to the firm. Electrolux hopes all the company's SAS credits worldwide will be placed in one account — an idea inspired by an arrangement between Norwegian company Kraerner and carrier Braathens Sale.

Some airlines have corporate loyalty plans, rewarding both employer and employee. Lufthansa's Corporate Mileage Dividend Plan allows points to be credited to a company account. A monthly statement is sent to the designated contact and bonuses are given according to class travelled. And Virgin Freeway also operates a corporate account. rewarding both traveller and company, although the traveller comes off better. In Premi-

um Economy, for example, the executive is credited with miles flown, and the corporation gets half. But the Association of Corporate Travel Executives remains unconvinced. Membership of ACTE exers every discipline in the travel industry and at a seminar earlier this year. St per cent of travel buyers for multinational companies declared that they "preferred that loyalty programmes did not exist".

Rut all is not lost. Martin Saymes, American Airlines' manager for corporate sales Europe, says curriers Bagged as preferred in company travel policies can and do produce incentives for executives to

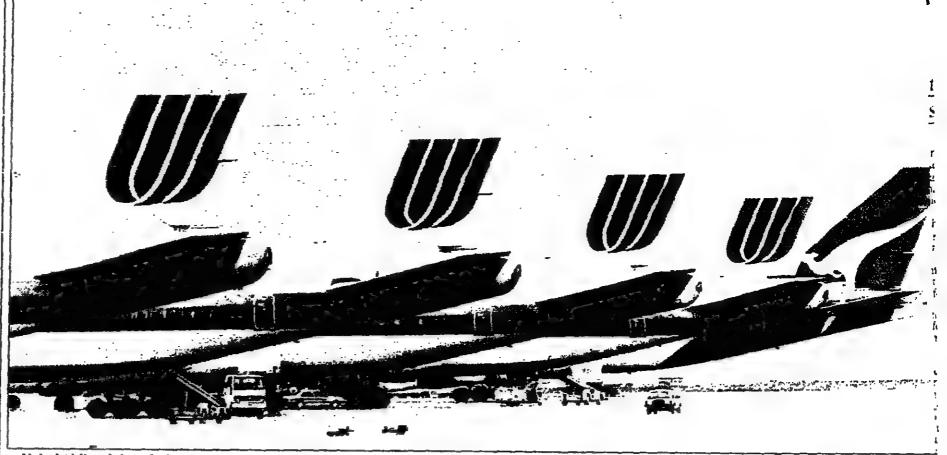
adhere to policy.

Since the haunch of frequentflyer programmes some 13 years ago, most airlines have adjusted travellers carning power and membership levels downwards, in some cases more than once. But the trend towards airline allianos means travellers can earn from more popular sources.

Recent inducements include the introduction of a British Airways Diners Club Card. and a Royal Bank Advantage MasterCard from American Airlines and the Royal Bank of Scotland, both offering chances to earn miles on money spent: Hertz car rental has formed a partnership with Lufthansa for Miles & More members, and Radisson Hotels Worldwide with American

Some organisations already insist executives take evening flights, even if it means the company has to pay for hotel accommodation, as this will still work out cheaper than prime-time air tickets. Norman Ryan, of Halliburton Group, the oil exploration company, says: "The company uses the cheapest fares and these generally do not attract

But worst of all, it is possible that the tax man cometh, in Europe, corporate benefits in kind given to employees are taxable, as owners of company cars know all too well. But few travellers declare Air Miles on their tax returns. But in Cansda the authorities reassessed the incomes of two executives to take account of free airline tickets received, basing the penalty on the notional value of the free ticket. The United States Internal Revenue Service has warned people taking free holidays on accrued miles that they are liable to tax and possibly calculated on the cust of the business trip that yielded the miles.



United Airlines is introducing a new seat on its long-haul routes which it claims is an improvement on the successful BA cradle-seat. Virgin is considering installing beds

Airlines make a new pitch for business Carriers are finding new ways of sending you to sleep, says David Churchill

after it introduced an upgraded business class cubin along with its new Boeing 777 aircraft, United Airlines is now planning to install a new Conneisseur Class on its long-haul flights. The new seats will be introduced over the next 12 months but their design owes much to the so-called "cradle seats" that BA has installed in Club World cubins.

This seat was ergonomically designed with the aim of enabling travellers to relax and sieep with the aid of electronically-controlled lumbar supports, better leg rests and "ear-flaps" on the headrest to give greater privacy. In addition, there is a movable light to provide better illumination when reading, BA's seat has tested well in flight comfort surveys this year, prompting United to emulate the design for its new seat.

"But we are adding extra features that take the seat a stage further," claims a United spokesman. "While the BA at is designed to enable people to sleep on their backs, our seat is designed for people to sleep on their sides, which research has shown is the most usual position."

But United's new seat will still have a 49-inch seat pitch (basically the distance from one seat back to the next) while BA and American Airlines have both gone for a 50-inch pitch. American's new business-class seats being intro-duced this year also follow the BA cradie-seat pettern, with adjustable headrests with wings, a two-way lumbar support, and softer footrests. JAL has also just relaunched its husiness class, with seats at a 50-inch pitch and including

most of the features to be decide on their carrier, if they found in the BA design. have a choice, on the schedule United believes that a pitch and flight times (direct or via a of 49 or 50 inches makes limbe hub) as well as considering difference in actual seat comwhich frequent-flyer pro-

fort (although it gives its rivals gramme they are with. a cenain marketing edge), Hence the importance to the while Air France says its major airlines of establishing curporate passengers are global networks. United alhappy with a 48-inch pitch. ready has code-sharing links But given the similarities bewith Lufthansa and other tween business-class seats that carriers while BA and Amerimost travelling executives can can are still awaiting regula-tory approval of their expect to experience over the proposed alliance. Delta and next year, the airlines are trying to woo full-fare paying commercial travellers (and Virgin Atlantic also have a limited alliance, offering Delta seats on Virgin's flights to and there are few official discounts from Heathrow. on business fares on major But while the major carriers carriers) by other means.

are able to lorge alliances to American, for example, claims to be the only transatwin custom, the smaller interlantic carrier offering businational airlines have had to ness-class passengers individual Sony Video Walkmans to watch their income up with added-value benefits to woo travellers away flight films, rather than videos

from bigger networks.

Apart from usually offering complimentary limousine service to and from the airport. the smaller carriers have es-

ness-class product. This was first conceived by Richard Branson about 12 years ago when he introduced first-class scats at a business-class price. Virgin still has some of the bigger business seats around, with a seat pitch of about 55 to oo inches, depending on the aircraft, and its business class (called Upper Class) service

recently won an award from

the readers of Business Travei-

ler magazine.

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Surprisingly, for a company headed by Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic is less high profile about business-class enhancements. preferring to tinker with the service rather than go for a major overhaul every two or three years (or more often) as its larger international rivals do. But it is looking at taking

another quantum leap by introducing beds. Other airlines operating a ambined business and firstclass service, at least in the size of their seats, include Continental and Air Canada, both with 55-inch seat pitches. These services offer good value for those wanting larger seats at the same price as regular business class on other airlines, although with the movetowards 50-inch pitch on both BA and American, the difference is being eroded.

But the major carriers seem reluctant to move away from a first-class premium cabin, even though demand can fluctuate considerably. Flights to New York, Washington and Hong Kong, for example, generally have the strongest demand for first-class seats while less popular routes with commercial travellers usually fill first class with business class upgrades. Estimates from commercial travel agencies suggest that the overall picture on first class (taking the less busy routes along with those heavily in demand) is that only a fifth to a quarter of first-class seats are fully pa

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Getting an upgrade fro busines to first, however, c pends on whether or not t airline sees the commerci traveller as a CIP - a comme cially important person. Fir marketing weapon to encou age loyalty (the ultimate is further upgrade to Concord on the New York route) and also popular with executive flying US carriers who often allow frequent flyer points qualify for an upgrade. BA more likely to promote a Gol level member (and possible Silver) of its Executive Club.

But for those commercia travellers who merely drear of the premium cabins (bus ness and first) because of th rigid travel policy of their companies, there is some hopof a more comfortable journe; its long-awaited overhaul o economy. Speculation is that a better deal will be offered to full-fare paying economy pas sengers, along the lines o Virgin's Premier Economy.

Guests in the laptop of luxury

High-tech hotels

now offer computer

facilities, says

Chris Lockwood

uests at some husiness hotels around the world still consider themselves fortunate to find a working hairdryer in the bathroom and a bedside alarm. These items, plus the television, remain the basic concession to technology made by many hoteliers in an industry that has been slow to respond to scientific advances.

While hotels have been quick to adopt computerised reservations and accounting systems they have been reluctant to apply technology at the sharp end - in guests' rooms.

Those which have taken the high-tech plunge now offer fax facilities, dedicated telephone lines, video CD players and even Internet links in many rooms, especially those on dedicated business floors.

Linda Richards, director of Hotel System Supply Services Limited, which handles technology for about 1,000 hotels around the world, says: There are some business travellers who just do not want advanced data and communication services in their rooms. They prefer to use the hotel as a refuge from the working day rather than an extension of it. Others do want such facilities but may not be familiar with the specific technology on offer. The third category is the highly computer-literate types

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The traditional Lanesborough hides a high-tech system

who will invariably bring their own laptop computers with them.

Many hotels now feature automatic check-out on televisions. The idea is that guests can review their bill at any time and confirm credit-card payment at the end of their stay by pressing buttons on the remote control.

The intention is to avoid the frustration of the check-out queue on departure day. But while most guests use the review facility, they do not trust the technical payment procedure totten with good reason, judging by the numerous complaints about incorrect final billing) and end up queuing anyway just for a

printed receipt. Television is likely to remain the focal point of in-room rechnology, and not just to show immaculate American blondes on CNN. In future, television will allow tele-conferencing as well as interactive shopping, movie selection and hotel service, features already available. Keeping pace with technology is difficult for the industry and us. Johnny Thorsen, head of information technology at Hogg Robinson Business Travel International. says that there are "so many new advances coming out that companies are nervous about

reduces costs." Mr Thorsen sees the next wave embracing the Internet and CD-Rom systems, as well as allowing guests access to hotel information and booking

investing in one which may be outdated by the time it is installed. They are all trying to make money from new technology but it should only be deployed if it adds benefit or

from home. "Home booking is widely available now," he says, "but it tends to be used by leisure traveliers with some time to

browse before buying. Busirely on travel departments or specialised travel agents in order to save time and money."

attached to the seats.

Food is also seen by the

airlines as a key marketing

they offer lighter menus and are more flexible in allowing

when people can eat. BA's

which allows business-class

passengers to get their own

snacks during a flight, has

apparently been slow to take

off on ex-Heathrow flights but

proved popular on flights into

the UK. American executives

it seems, are less self-conscious

about changing their in-flight

films and even in-flight tele-

phones - while considered

important in business class -

are still probably not enough alone to determine the choice

of airline. Most executives

But such factors as food,

eating habits.

the larder concept

London's Lanesborough Hotel, which opened in 1992, is an example of state-of-the-art technology, but its high-tech nature is largely concealed from guests and controlled by a personalised butler who also acts as the technical linchpin between guest needs and

On each floor the screen in the butler's pantry shows which room is uccupied or vacant, allowing him to direct housekeeping or engineering services without disturbing the guest. Room sensors enable the butler to follow guest movements, even to the point of showing if the bathroom light has been turned on in the middle of the night.

The sensors also control airconditioning and heating. which is turned down to conserve energy when the guest leaves the room.

On arrival each customer gets personal business cards and stationery printed with a private telephone and fax number - two lines, a personal line plus a fax line, are provided in each room.

Holiday Inn Worldwide has iust completed testing in live hotels in Germany with multimedia television, including integrated computer software with CD player, games and Internet connections, as well word processing, spreadsheet and fax facilities.

The test also included a second telephone line with voice mail system, plus computer data ports.

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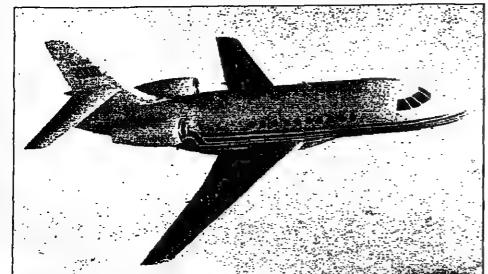
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Falcon 2000, the type of private jet chartered by senior executives for business trips

Work out the time wasted at airports, and chartering a plane starts to make sense, says Catherine Chetwynd

hour later. Mr Humphries conservatively estimates the company saved a day by using its own aircraft — and that is a day per executive.

Whether chartering for individual trips or using the company fleet, the outstanding advantage of private air-craft is flexibility. You can choose a departure time and turn up five minutes before: if you are held up, the aircraft waits. Extended check-in times, customs queues and the longer flying time on commercial air raft make many itineraries impossible without one or two nights' accommodation. Add the cost of keeping captains of industry sitting at airports and the expense of overnight accommodation. and air taxis start to make

sense. Government departments have also recognised the strengths of executive jets; a joint report from the Departments of Transport and Trade last year concluded: "insufficient capacity for business aviation use in the South East will have a potentially adverse impact upon local economies and national competitiveness".

he private aircraft charter business in the UK is worth £100 million and, according to the broker Hunt and Palmer, there has been an increase in demand for flights to Switzerland, probably because of greater activity in the City. Jamie Martin, a director, says: "There has been a trend in recent years towards

greater use of chartered aircraft in the business sector, particularly in fast-moving industries such as banking, oil exploration and automotive manufacture. Newer and more economic executive aircraft allow staff to spend time working rather than

travelling."
London Executive Aviation (LEA), based at London City airport and at Stapleford in Essex. flies three types of aircraft, seating from four to ten people. Kim Wylie, head of flight operations, says the company started in 1990 with one aircraft and now has ten. The last two were purchased in the past 12 months in response to a marked upturn in business.

"We come into our own

when people have to visit several places in one day," Mr Wylie says. LEA recently met a consultant from a 7.30am flight from Houston to Gatwick and transferred him to London City Airport, from where a car delivered him to the City. He and colleagues departed at noon for a meeting in Rotterdam. The meeting overran and the group did not leave Holland until 8pm, but the consultant still arrived at Gatwick at 9.30pm in time for his 10.30pm departure to Houston. The whole exercise cost £950.

Convenient local departure and arrival points are another strong argument. There may be 200 airports in Europe used by scheduled carriers, but 2,000 are available to executive aircraft.

Image apart, the biggest drawbacks to owning an executive jet are cost and efficiency. Not only is capital investment high, but dedicated aircraft are generally occupied for just 250 hours a year.

The London Jet Share Com-

The London Jet Share Company may be the answer to this problem. LJS gives organisations the opportunity to own a half or a quarter of a Cessna Citation aircraft. In the event of all partners wanting to travel at once, aircraft will be made available. A quarter share will cost each partner ESO,000 and this way, according to Mike Hamlin, managing director, you can make savings of 30 per cent.

LJS has just launched an agreement with American company Net Jets, which has offered the same service in the US for ten years. This will allow co-owners to use their flying entitlement here or in America.



The clock tower in Prague is becoming a familiar sight to British businessmen

Airlines boosted by Eastern trade surge

Pritish exports to Eastem Europe were fl billion eight years ago. Last year, the figure had quadrupled, resulting in a huge growth in demand for business travel to the

Four countries — Poland, Russia, the Czech Republic and Hungary — are among the UK's top 50 export markets. Lasting peace in the former Yugoslavia will mean another surge in

The news that British Airways is to increase services to Eastern Europe next year reflects growing demand for improved access to the former communist-bloc coun-

In July. BA resumed flights to Belgrade, the capital of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, with three flights a week. Now BA is to double the frequency to Belgrade for next summer, alongside increased departures to Bucharest, Kiev and Sofia.

British Midland, which already flies to Prague, is also targeting Budapest and Moscow as important routes. The hotel chains have responded, too; Prague, Budapest and Bucharest are bristling with international hotel names.

But the area is not cheap. In a poll of worldwide city hotel rates, Hogg Robinson rates Moscow second behind Tokyo, with average rates of £153.24. In a new booklet for clients, Hogg Robinson points out problems such as an import/export tax and the exorbitant price of telephone calls in Albania.

It is also normal practice for the price of car rental in Russia and the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, to include a chauffeur to prevent unwary or lost business travellers from being carjacked.

The pitfalls have not, of course, stopped people going. The number of UK travellers on scheduled airlines to the region grew from 1.29 million in 1994 to 1.54 million last year. Russia, the

Steve Keenan on the former

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nations with
an appetite

for air travel

Czech Republic and Hunga-

ry are the big attractions.

"Now that the countries are more open, people such as architects and lawyers are going," said Claudia Deutschmann of Fregata Travel, the London-based business travel agent. "But last month I also sent people to make animation films in Lithuania. Poland is also in heavy demand and business travel to Russia is still big."

Car rental
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The Czech airline, CSA, started a service to Prague from Stansted this year in addition to operating out of Heathrow, while Lot, the Polish airline, increased flights to Warsaw this summer to 16 a week, three via Krakow in Poland.

New national airlines also operate direct from the UK, including Estonian Air, Riga Airlines, Ukraine International Airlines and Croatian Airlines.

All have non-stop flights, which are increasing in number. Estonian Air will have six flights a week from Gatwick to Tallinn this month, up from four a week. The airline is an example

of how the proximity of

Scandinavia to the Baltic

trade and cultural links, has encouraged investment in fledgling airlines. The Danish carrier. Maersk, has taken a 66 per cent interest in Estonian Air and will handle its ticketing and sales in the UK from next year. SAS is a 29 per cent shareholder in Air Baltic, one of two airlines in Latvia that serve Gatwick.

Bjarne Hansen, the president of Maersk, said: "We believe the opportunities for Estonian Air are considerable, both regionally and on a pan-European basis and we shall be seeking to exploit these fully."

Other carriers such as Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines are looking to maximise their links to Eastern Europe, and this makes good sense for many UK business travellers. They have the choice of flying out of Heathrow or Gatwick with their limited connections — or direct to cities such as Amsterdam, Copenhagen and Frankfurt with their superior networks.

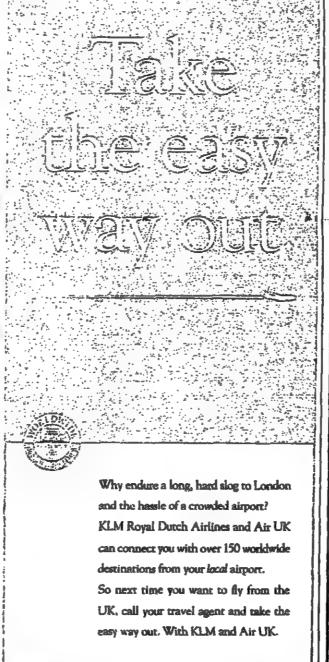
states and Copenhagen is now an important hub to the East. Swissair flies to 17 cities in Eastern Europe from Zurich and Geneva.

But the biggest airline to the Eastern Europe is Lufthansa, which last month launched a marketing campaign to promote its network of 366 weekly flights to 26 cities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

The airline claimed 20 per cent of all traffic departing the UK to Eastern Europe last year and expects to carry 55,000 UK travellers east this year. Its main hub airports are Munich and Frankfurt and its busiest routes are Moscow. St Petersburg, Sofia, Zagreb and Prague.

As with hotel and car rental rates, the cost is not cheap. Fares from Western to Eastern Europe rose by 6 per cent in the first quarter of 1996, according to an American Express survey.





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Any business traveller's fear of flying could be well-founded, says Simon Coates

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A patient being treated on a Lufthansa flight. Worldwide, about 1,000 people die on flights each year - most are men in their fifties

Dangers of the high life

the Zeitgeist of the quired to fly ever more frequently around the globe to promote their wares. but they still need to arrive in peak condition. Are these two requirements irreconcilable?

On the face of it they might be. Farrol Kahn, medical author and director of the recently founded Aviation Health institute, argues that the physiological hardships of flying make it mortally uncomfortable.

Worldwide, about 1,000 deaths occur on flights annually. And the number of postflight deaths may be as much as four times higher." he says. The principal victims are men in their fifties." Those men comprise the most numerous group among regular premium flyers.

Although these numbers are modest when compared with the more than one billion airline passengers each year. they show that for all the fancy innovations in scating or exoric additions to menus, that queasy feeling can remain the reality for long-haul flyers. The Aviation Health Insti-

tute, which was set up to monitor the impact of flying on passengers, and receives support from a number of international companies with significant numbers of premium frequent flyers, is commissioning research aimed at improving passenger well-

in the longer term it aims to encourage manufacturers to exploit the potential of lighter materials to enable aircraft to fly at lower cabin altitudes and increase cabin oxygen levels. But until that time, prodent

executives can take some steps to try to avoid the sinking feeling as the aircraft lifts into

Mr Kahn says: "Begin prep-

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aration four days before departure by drinking two glasses of carrot juice daily. This encourages oxygen saturation of the blood. Depletion of oxygen inevitably occurs in flight and if you have extra to start with you can be more

"On the day of the flight itself, spend 15 minutes walking briskly before you proceed to the gate. Protracted periods of immobility on board mean the blood drains to the feet. But exercise encourages blood circulation for the journey ahead. This is important

survey of British di-

rectors who are regu-

ers shows that the majority

suffer stress-related symp-

toms, both physical and

mental. Symptoms include memory loss and violent

behaviour, with one third

in what amounts to travel

rage, 61 per cent claim they

suffer physically, with fa-

tigue and aching limbs the

most common symptoms.

and 39 per cent state that they suffer emotionally or

mentally. A small number

(15 per cent) admit to violent

tendencies, the same num-

ber suffer memory loss, and

The survey was carried out among chief executives, managing and finance directors at 350 UK and inter-

national companies for the

The research shows that

Athenaeum Hotel, London.

the main causes for stress

are related to situations be-

yond the individual's con-

trol. Half (5) per cent) blame

a few suffer paranoia.

suffering from road rage.

because deep vein clots are fines of the main cabin; and, as becoming more cummon amone all ages. "Once on board, ensure that

your leg-rest is in the horizontal position. That helps to boost circulation. And every hour either move around the ircraft or simulate the walkng action in your sent."

Why should all this be necessary? After all the leading airlines invest many millions of pounds on the in-flight comfort of their most valuable customers; high seat-occupancy levels matter more there than in the less palatial con-

Stress and travel rage

the transport services. The

are flight delays and miss-

ing luggage, while the main objection in domestic travel

is other drivers. But the

hotel industry does not es-

cape criticism, with com-

plaints about lack of

cleanliness and double-

awareness throughout the

medical profession of the

detrimental effects of stress

caused by business travel.

and yet little is being done to

evaluate the impact. Stress

can be damaging in many

ways: it can cause a reduc-

tion in sperm count; an elevation of the cortisone

level which may reduce the

effectiveness of the immuni-

nereased blood pressure.

of mobile phones and laptop

computers make it harder

system; and can lead to

The growing availability

Antony Ashe, a London GP, says:

There is increasing

frequent complaints

international travel

the grounding of many senior executives during the Gulf War demonstrated, creature comforts for frequent flyers can, if unused, quickly become an airline's liability if they are not its principal earner.

But the body's reaction to physical realities on board cannot be obscured by any amount of personal attention. The humidity level in the cabin atmosphere, for example, can be a key factor.

Mr Kahn says: "The average room has relative humidity of between 40 per cent and

for businessmen and wo-

men to switch off and relax.

continue to work when trav-

eiling may feel they are accomplishing something.

yet the long-term effects from not switching off may

Flying has the longest list

of grievances. In addition to

lack of information about

delays, inexplicable queue-

ing procedures and missing

luggage, there is the fear of

being late, non-smoking air

lines, endlessly long airport

corridors. claustrophobia

and monotonous landing

greetings. The most stressful

factor of all, however, is

other passengers (52 per cent), and one third are

piqued by an absence of

How best to combat

stress, then? These seasoned

travellers listed sleeping, sex

and alcohol. So it is not just

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work after all.

mplimentary drinks.

be counter-productive."

60 per cent, but a fully-laden aircraft will achieve only half that level and on flights with fewer passengers it can fall to as low as 2 per cent. To counteract the effects of this, enhance the moisture levels in the blood: sip still water or black tea, but avoid coffee."

Similarly, executives should resist the temptation to indulge in exotic fare, opting instead for light meals and non-alcoholic drinks. You may feel more relaxed with a dram, but the effect can be to neutralise the brain cells, making you feel particularly uncomfortable,

nd rather than dosing up for a snifterinduced nap, business travellers would do better to wrap themselves in a blanket and exhaust themselves with the opening chapters of the latest management guru's bestseller.

Travellers will soon find they are ready to close their eyes, don their eye masks, insert their wax earplugs, place a cushion in the small of the back to prevent direct pressure against the seat and rest their heads on a feather pillow they have brought from home," he says. They can then set their seat in the maximum tilt position and look forward to some rest."

But what about the sneezing and coughing contagion from a few seats away? Many assume the recirculating cabin air means a lingering bug could ruin the whole trip.

In fact, as Boeing engineers point out, today's alreraft have much better filtration, a much higher air-change rate and a much higher proportion of outside air". Still, eucalyptus oil applied to the nasal area should protect the traveller from germs and ensure that the Zeitgeist stays comfortably airborne.

This is your captain. Anyone for chess?

Air passengers are now spoilt for choice over inflight entertainment — if it works. Chris Lockwood reports

Intertainment in the early days of aviation was largely limited to chatting, reading or predictable games of "I spy" wenething beginning with C

Now passengers have the choice of more than 24 channels of films and news, destination information, interactive shopping, video games and airborne gambling. Additionally, those once

content to leave the working world behind for a few hours are now surrounded by telephone and fax reminders that they are sall in global buch with business on the ground. Having revolutionised both engine control and flight deck systems, new technology has

declared the passenger scat the next high ground. The World Airline Entertainment Association estimates that more than \$! billion will be spent by airlines this year on in-flight entertainment and passenger communication. This follows \$1.5 billion spent in the past IS months. Even more investment is anticipated for 1947 as

curriers battle for passenger

phisticated in-seut systems de-

signed to amuse, entertain and enable them to work in the air. By 2005 a total of 2.4 billion passengers is expected aloit each year, and those with access to new electronic entertainment and information systems will increase from today's 23 per cent to as much as 60 per cent of the total. This could mean up to 120 million people per month consuming these new media in the sky.

Already more than 20 aircraft are flying with the latest interactive systems on board which, in addition to standard entertainment, offer the chance to play games such as chess, backgammon or Nintendo, and the ability to make car hire, hotel or onward airline bookings, pay for extra films, follow live news or sports events, track the global stock markets, hook up a laptop computer, or view the sky through external cameras.

ingapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific are pioneers of this "third-gen eration" technology and seven more airlines, including British Airways, are committed either to buying it or at least to trying it out over the next 12

Singapore, acknowledged as a world leader in technical innovation, is spending \$3.5 million per aircraft to equip its 28 Boeing 747-400s with its new Krisworld entertainment and communication system by the end of this year.

The existing system, available in all three classes, offers 22 video and ten audio channels plus a selection of ten Cintendo games,

Handsets in each seat actirate individual hin screens. Turn the remote control over and a telephone unit is available with a credit card swipe facility allowing passengers to call anywhere in the world from their seat via satellite The enormous investment

by airlines is justified by the promise of revenue generated by pay-per-view, shopping, gambling and telephone charges. Yet that promise is hamstrung by a human reality the appetite for such systems and the use of in-flight business equipment are in decline.

Duncan Hillary, chief execunive of Spafax Airline Network, which supplies software and revenue-generating systems to nearly 50 atrlines sincluding Singapore, Cathay.

market share can mean much as \$50 million a year airline revenue," he said, "acementing passenger levawith top cabin entertaining facilities is one way of achie-

He warns, however, it? there are many probler along the way before the airlines get the right mix of content, power and reliability GEC/Marconi recent!

pulled out of the market, f example, having pledged supply both BA and Unity with interactive systems if their Boeing 7778. The system have failed to live up especialisms.

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Failure of much-promote systems is one of the mad problems surrounding th echnological advance. Eve Singapore Airlines admits to failure rate on four to six seat per flight - not a bad ratio or of 400, perhaps, unless that sear is yours.

industry experts agree that



Singapore Airlines is spending \$3.5 million per aircraft

BA, Emirates and Air Canada), explains that passengers on long-haul flights are the captive audience the airlines

want, but also a passive one. "For the first two hours or so travellers may be extremely active - working, watching, telephoning and accessing the systems," he says. "But after a while they become extremely passive - the opposite of what the airlines require for interactive technology which can make money.

Passengers become as passive as possible — they go to sleep - so all this technology is sitting there unused.

Mr Hillary believes there is a huge future for such systems, but only if the airlines consider it as a passenger service first aimed at the broader goal of increasing market share overall, rather than the short-term goal of making money per passenger per flight.

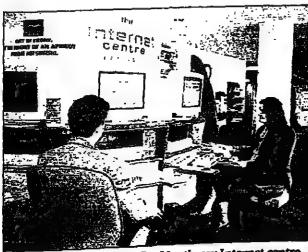
"A I per cent increase in

of all the technology in use on an aircraft, the in-flight entertainment system is probably the most important because it is the one the passenger can

Alistair Cumming. BA chief operating officer, says avionic systems which are used to control, navigate or communicate for operational reasons are duplicated and triplicated and failure will often go unnoticed. But seat controls give an instant bad impression if they fail, whether it is the cabin crew call button or the on-line link to the Dow Jones Index.

Another problem affecting these new systems is passenger acceptance. Technology is changing so rapidly that a new airline entertainment system can be out of date as soon as it is installed. Passengers are lagging far behind und often do not understand - or do not wish to - the benefits available on the screen in front of

boardroom for high-flyers



Surf while you wait to fly: Heathrow Internet centre

THERE is no escape for the businessman at Heathrow Airport. The executive club lounges provide most of the facilities needed for a quick piece of work while waiting for departure, but if they cannot provide everything, then the Business Centre, situated in the Queen's Building, certain-

ly can. The centre, part of the Thomas Cook Group, provides meeting and conference rooms offering the latest technology and services.

We have considered every possible requirement for the busy executive travelling worldwide," a spokeswoman explains. "With this in mind,

A conference for 60 people?

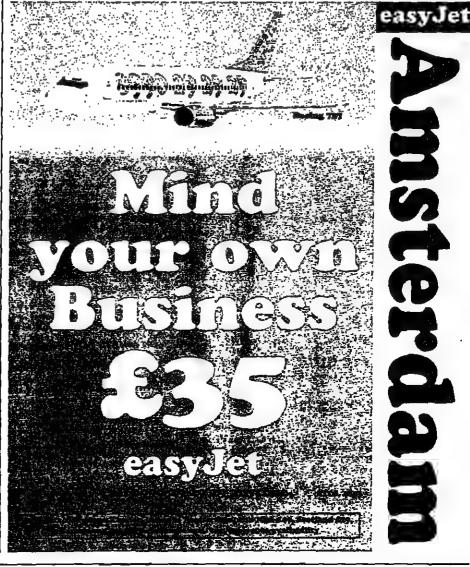
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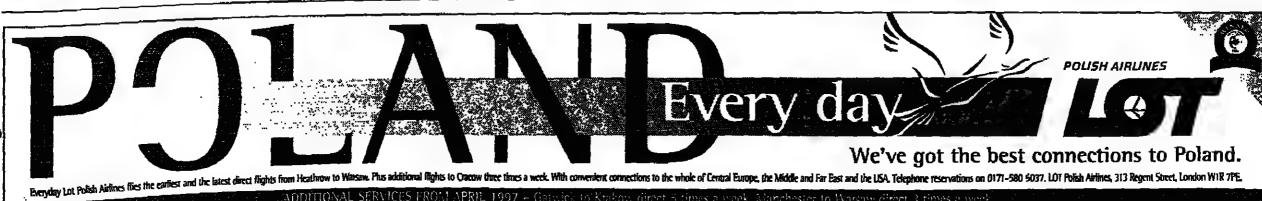
the centre has a range of meeting rooms to cater for any size of meeting and comprehensive office, secretarial and catering facilities. In addition we have a conference room that can accommodate up to 60 delegates, with the latest presentation equipment."

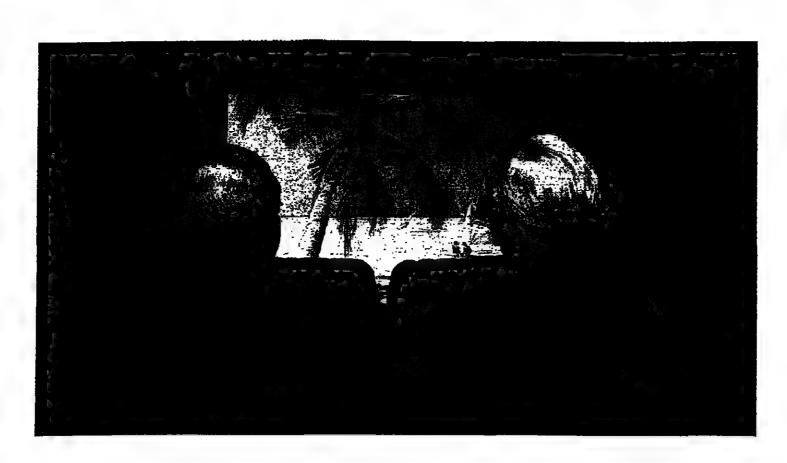
Its latest innovation is a Cybercafe and Internet Centre, claimed to be the first

such facility to be installed at an airport when it opened in May this year. Providing access to the World Wide Web, it offers a full range of Internet services, allowing surfers to review world markets, catch up on news, e-mail colleagues

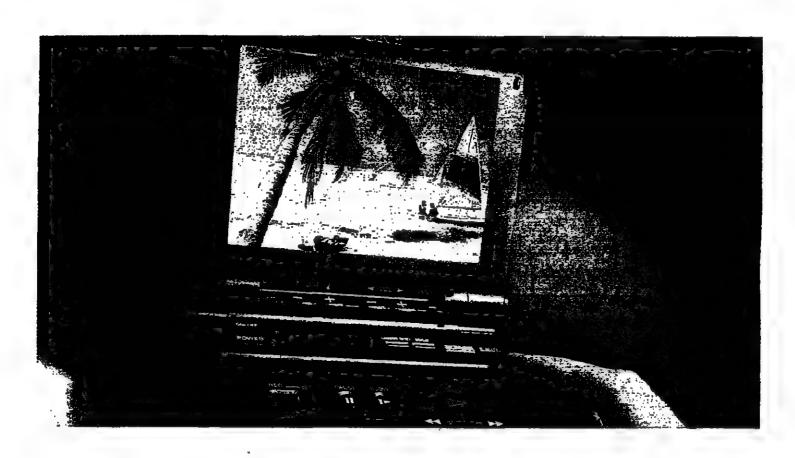
or even relax with a game. Jane Chadburn, centre manager, explains: Having access to up-to-date information and being able to communicate through online technology is becoming increasingly important to people on the move. This initiative enables the 40,000 travellers who use the centre each year to make even more efficient use of their







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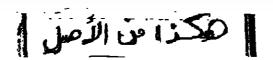
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The gentle approach to policing pensions

John Hayes, head of the Occupational Pensions

Regulatory Authority, on the new Pensions Act

and the Bishop of Oxford have in common? The answer is in the contribution they have made to the law of trusts, which still underpins occupational pensions, at least in England and Wales,

Both argued unsuccessfully before the courts that political or moral considerations could override trustees' duties to obtain the best financial return for their beneficiaries, whether mineworkers or elergymen.

The Pensions Act 1995 is a direct result of Robert Maxwell's abuse of pension funds. (fronically the Church Commissioners lost more from property speculation.) And trustees are at the heart of the protection of occupational pensions.

At a time when the Government is resisting the movement from Europe for compulsory works councils, it has introduced new domestic law requiring occupational pension schemes to be run nevertheless by trustees, a third of whom must be chosen by the workers. There is an opt-out procedure that can be initiated only by the existing trustees or the employer. In this case the workers still have the

The same legislation produces another relative novelty in our law. It creates a statutory duty on some professional advisers to report to the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (Opra) when they have reasonable cause to believe that the relevant law is being broken or that a breach of trust has been committed, if the breach is likely to be of material significance to Opra.

This is new territory for actuaries. Auditors have had similar duties under the Banking Acr but it is understood that they are only rarely used. Failure to do so could lead to disqualification from the right to

Such draconian powers may be regarded as hardly conducive to harmo-

nious relations between advisers and their clients, all struggling to comply with what are busically administrative or financial requirements.

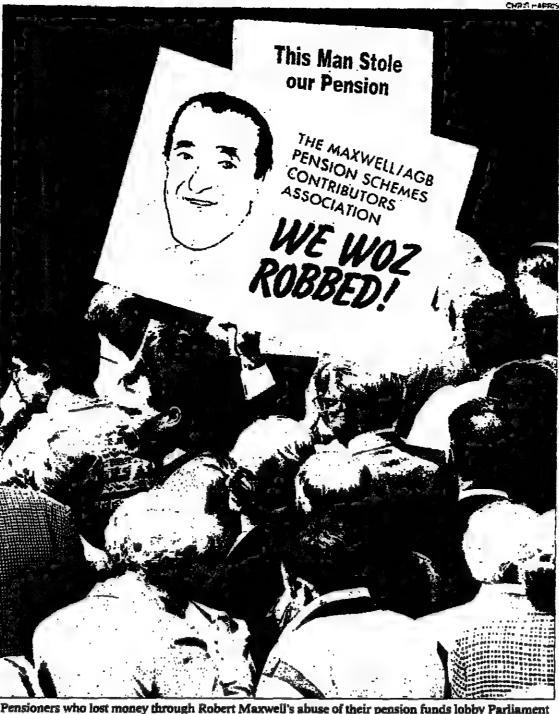
Opra is planning to inject a spirit of openness in which breaches are not treated as an automatic passport to the imposition of financial penalties or other sanctions. Instead, for minor breaches, Opra will be keener on ussurances, which will be followed up, that things have been put right. Unlike most other regulators and

enforcement agencies. Onra is given the power to investigate, prosecute and sentence those who breach its rules. The courts will retain the right to quash Opra's decisions on the grounds that it has exceeded its powers or failed to follow the rules of natural justice. Opra will be able to sue in civil courts throughout the United Kingdom to recover pension assets wrongly appropriated.

The Pensions Act creates some offences enforceable by Opra. Opra will have review procedures to enable those aggrieved by its initial declsions to appeal. It will not be bound to grant oral hearings in all cases.

Tairness, expedition and a have to be shown if Parliasense of proportion will all ment is not to feel that too much power has been conferred on a single agency. Though Opra is an independent legal entity, much of its affairs are controlled by the Secretary of State for Social Security, even though the bill for its operations, like that of the pensions ombudsman and the new Pensions Compensation Board, will be picked up by employers or pension schemes.

Whether Opra is successful will depend on the sensitivity and competence which it displays. Who knows what disasters are likely when it begins its operational role on April 6. 1997? Good intelligence as well as a certain amount of luck will be



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Pensioners who lost money through Robert Maxwell's abuse of their pension funds lobby Parliament

Leaders in pensions

LAW FIRMS are facing a huge upheaval as a result of the Pensions Act. Most of the provisions come into force next April but already firms are reporting a big rise in work, Frances Glbb writes. All the top ten corporate firms have strong departments but according to Chambers & Partners Directory, Linklaters & Paines and Lovell White Durrant are just ahead. They are closely followed by niche firms Sacker & Partners (boosted by the recent addition of what was Nicholson Graham &

Jones pensions' team); Nabarros: Rowe & Maw. Freshfields, and Travers Smith Braithwaite. Others who are highly regarded include Aslop Wilkinson. At the Bar, the leading set is said to be Wilberforce Chambers, headed by Edward Nugee QC. Nicholas Warren, QC, was described as "head and shoulders" above the rest; Robert Ham, QC, and Paul Newman are also highly rated. Others include Michael Hart, QC, of 5 Stone Buildings and Nigel Inglis-Jones, QC, at 35 Essex Street.

Firms brace for industry upheaval

Edward Fennell on the massive

changes due with the new Act

Tobody presends that is glamorous or exciting. But as this year's Labour Party conference showed, it is moving up the national agenda. So it is no surprise that this week's annual conference of the Association of Pensions attended by hundreds of keen solicitors. As Ken Dierden, a partner at Freshfields and the chairman of the association, puts it: "It is now acceptable to admit at dinner parties that one is a pensions lawyer."

An indication of the growth in the expansion of the association. From a few-score members a decade ago, it has grown to week's deliberations are expected to be of a high standard. As one

speaker comments: "You could make or break your reputation at this event. You are presenting your ideas to an audience of your peers, who are intensively critical. To put in a weak show or make a mistake could be disastrous for one's career.'

The backdrop to the conference is the Pensions Act 1995. which comes into force next year. The changes being effected are huge and the association can claim to have had a key role in shaping many of its most important provisions. Taken individually, the pensions industry accepts the good sense of most of these developments. When viewed altogether, though, the effect is to create the need for huge change. As Robert West, of Baker & McKenzie, points out: There is feeling in the industry that the regulations are too detailed. Some people

them will be overwhelming." The background to the Act, of course, is the skulduggery to which pension funds have been subjected. Well-publicised cases of pensions misselling and the abuse of funds have led to tighter regulations, and trustees are being forced to seek detailed advice from lawyers to cope with the changes. One point that trust-ees will need to review in the next few months is who gives them their legal advice - a move that could lead to a reshullling of

clients.

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ones . "It will." he says, "be like mudisastrous' sical chairs, as trustees feel under some obli-

gation to make changes. I think that all the leading pensions firms, such as ourselves and Slaughter & May, Freshfields and Sacker & Co. are likely to be affected." Many of the largest law

firms have strong pensions departments as an annex to their normal corporate work. Smaller firms draw in clients specifically because of their pensions expertise. It is anyone's guess at this stage which will do better out of next year's possible shake-out."

Also shaping the Pensions Act are social trends that may affect everyone. A divorced wife will be entitled to a share of her former husband's pension and there is a shift away from occupational pension schemes as fewer employees stay with the same organisation all their working lives and many become selfemployed.

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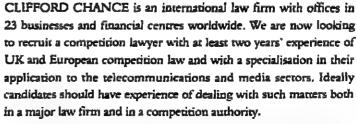
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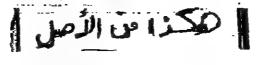
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Selecting a single market leader is impossible, especially when Leeds has spawned both Dibb Lupton Alsop and Hammond Suddaids, two of the most dynamic firms in Britain. But if you are looking for a firm which is distinctively special, then the prize might be awarded to the Sheffield-based Irwin Mitchell, Under the leadership of Michael Napier, it achieved a remarkable reputation as disaster awyers par excellence and, with Howard Culley as managing partner, that reputation is being sus-

The firm has achieved notable success in multi-plaintiff work in connection with asbesusis and is also the recognised leader in cases of Creutzfeld-Jakob disease. Moreover, the firm has the services of Kevin Robinson, a master of business crime. When Alan Clark blew the whistle in the "arms to lrag" trial, it was largely as a result of research by Mr Robinson.

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Irwin Muchell is also bubbling on both transactions which, in the past, says, "In Norion Rose M5, we must might have gone down in London. along in mainstream areas such as property, merpers and acquisitions, commercial litigation and private client work. As Mr Culley says: "We are very buoyant in every department - you can't single out any area which is doing better than

Irwin Mitchell was rather later in the field than its Yorkshire rivals to expand geographical-ly, but it is moving now.

As well as offices in London and Birmingham, it has a strong presence in Leeds - and that is really taking war into the enemy's camp. Leeds prides itself on being Britain's second business centre after London, Certainly, its law firms have been ex-

decline' reptionally strong, with Booth & Co. alongside Dibbs and Hammonds as a very home-grown operation. The local offices of Eversheds and Pinsent Curtis are also highly

regarded. What makes Booth & Co. different is that it has persisted in its independence, although it is a member of the Nurton Rose MS group. It is the future of that group which is now exercising the mind of Mark Jones, the managing partner of the firm. "You either have to keep now decide where we are going next. It has either to evolve or decline -- I hope it evolves."

Eversheds' local offices, both in Leeds and further north, are demonstrations of how successful a national" firm can be. Its landmark project is the work it is undertaking for the International

Centre for Life, a E54 million initiative being funded by the National Lottery to provide a remarkable tourism and educational focus for Tyneside. The centre will supply a "gene dome, body and mind" facility, as well as a bio science village and it represents the resur-gence of the Tyne as a centre for innovation. Smaller in scale but

that Eversheds has been doing in the area of private finance initiative (PFI). This is a speciality in which the firm nationally takes pride, and its work with Tynemouth College, which has "Pathfinder" status, and the backing of the Further Education Funding Council illustrates how PFI is starting to produce positive

Eversheds also acts for the Tyne & Wear Development Corporation and has snapped up a number of Perhaps in the most cantalising

position is Dickinson Does. As the largest firm of solicitors in Newcastle, it enjoys a certain distinction. However, Newcastle does not have the commercial muscle to compare with Leeds or Manchester and its remoteness means that there are lew ples it

owever. John Flynn. the business development partner, enjoys the fact that the firm has now gained a national reputation, especially in the field of transport: Britain's second and third largest bus companies are amone its clients. It is also doing work for Siemens and Samsung in connection with their inward investment in the area.

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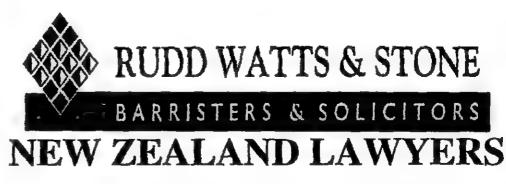
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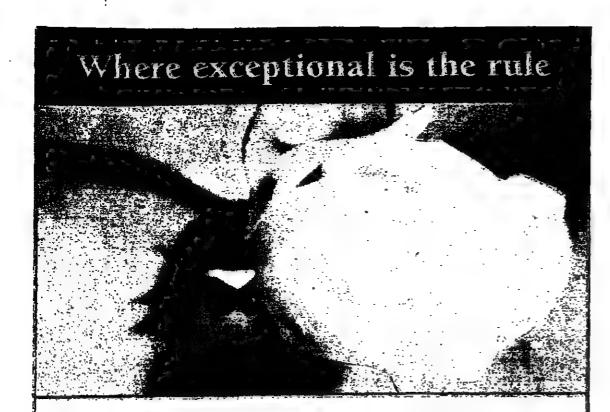
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Order 45, rule 5(5) that, if an

alternative way of complying with

against whom the order was made.

then that was not an order which

sculd be enforced by committal.

But the anesent order did gate a

date and was therefore sufficient to

However, both as a maner of

reinciple and on authority, if there

was a breach of an order to do a

certain act by a certain date, such

as the delivery of goods, and that

non-compliance was visited with a penalty, the breach could not be

the subject matter of a further

arminial order if the failure by

the alleged contemnor had contin-

ued, then it was necessary to go

The position was made clear by

back to court to obtain a further

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script No 416 of 1977). It was made

clear in that case that where there

was an order which had a time

freed for compliance, as one must

have it there was to be a committal

reder at all, and there was non-

compliance, then that was a single

It seemed to his Lundship that

the principle in that case, which

had been recognised in other cases

in the Court of Appeal including

Lamb v Lamb ([1984] FLR 278) also

applied in the present case. The

order of the district had not been

complied with and it was a single breach. It seemed to his Lordship

that it was quite plain that there

was no power in the court to

Lord Justice Ward and Lord

Solutions. Cole & Cole, Oxford; Haynes Duffell Kentish & Co.

commit Mir Jalai again.

Justice Thorpe agreed.

Accountants protected as officers Repeat committals not possible

Mutual Keinsurance Co Liu Co and Another

Before Lord Justice Legisti, Lord Justice Hobbiouse and Lind Justice Thorne

Mudgment October III

A firm of accountants, appended as auditors of a company incirporated in Bermuda pursuant to that jurisdiction's Companies Act 1981 and the company's hylaus 1982 and the company's hylaus 1982 and the company he 1982 are the period for which they were appointed, and were therefore entitled to protection under those bylaws to preclude a claim by the company against them alleging

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the defendants, Pear wick Machell & Co and KPMG Peat Marwick, against the judgment of Mr Justice Tuckes on June 21, 1996, when he found in favour of the plaintiffs. Motual Reinsurance Co Ltd. J company incorporated in Bermuda, on the i preliminars issue as to whether the terms of the contramy's hylaws precluded the plaintig

Burgess v Stratton

Lord Justice Offers

[Judgment Cknober 3]

Before Lord Justice Watte and

Given the general scheme of Order

17, rule II of the County Court

Rules, a blanket order extending

time for compliance with the

automatic directions was

The Court of Appeal so stated.

refusing an application by a plate-

tiff, Peter Burgess, for leave to

appeal from an order of Mr.

QC. sitting in Kingston upon

Mr Siewart Room for the plain-

tiff; the defendant, Mr James

Stratton, did not appear and was

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said

that the issue for the judge was the

district judge's direction, made at a

time when the plaintiff's action

was on the brink of suffering an

automatic striking out under Order 17, rule 11(9) of the County

Court Rules, that "the automat

of three months from today".

directions be extended for a period

The judge ruled that the order

could not, having regard to the circumstances in which it was

made, be construed literally so as

to start time running afresh for all

He interpreted it as as a direc-

interpretation to be placed on the

making a claim against the detendants, their statutory auditors, allegang they were negligent in tuding resident that moneys which should have been received by the planni) were, as a result of traud, returned by certain Liechtenstein and Cerman companies

Mr Peter Scott QC and Mr Richard Hariar for the defen-Gants, Mr. Richard Adkins, QC and Mr Ukral Tambyn for the plainest company.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE and that the question was one of the construction of a program in a commercial decument, the plant off company's hylaws Any commercial document had to be construed having regard to the surrounding circumstances and the legal and factual context.

The Bermudian Companies Act just was largely derived from the corresponding English legislation and the evidence was that any decision of the Bermudian court apply established Linglish law Succe In re London and General Bank (1898) 2 Ch Job. 170, 174) there was a line of authority in

date request within that period

The plaintiff had delayed that

request until some two weeks after

the expiry of the three-month extension, and the judge accord-

mply held that the action had

become automatically struck out.

A generalised direction of the kind which the district judge had

made was, so counsel had told

their Lordships, in common use at

the time and remained so. No

criticism should therefore he made

of the district judge for adopting it.

scheme of Order 17, rule 11, which

was to direct different time limits

tion, a blanker order extending

time for compliance with or the

operation of the directions as a

whole, was unsatisfactory, it was

potentially ambiguous and liable

whether its effect was intended to

It would be be better if such

directions ceased to be used

because they ran the risk of conflicting with the guiding prin-

ciples, stated in Downer and Downer v Brough (1996) I WLR

supplementing or superseding the

automatic directions ought to be

be general or limited to specific

steps in the litigation.

arouse controversy as to

Nevertheless, given the general

officers of a company and would he if they had been appointed as

The Court of Appeal there rejected the argument an officer had to be a person outcerned with the Company's management or had at least some measure of control over the company's assers see, further. In re Kingston Conton Mill Co (1846) 1 Ch th. In re-Western Counties Steam Bakeries and Milling Co. (1897) 1 Ch oto. 624), R v Shueter (1960) 2 QB 252. 256). Part XI, Chapter V of the Companies Act 1985 of England. sections 300, 727 of that Act, and Part II of the Companies Act 1989

Having considered the relevant proxisions of the Bermadian Comparmer Aux 1981, his Landship said that it was clear that the Bermudain Act adopted the same approach to auditors in the maerral respects as did the English

Auditors might or might not be officers of the company. If they were appointed under section 89 of the Bermudian Act they would be officers, but if employed to carry

Blanket order unsatisfactory morals to allow the plaintiff an opportunity of making a learning especially in the light of the inherent ambiguity of such a direction, that the judge was Wrong to construe it as carable of

> which it was made. His Lordship agreed with the indge that common sense required the present direction to be given a restricted interpretation.

> It was of course the court's duty to grant leave to appeal if the currery was arguable, but it was LORD JUSTICE OTION

> agreeing, said that the case illustrated that judges who made directions which had the effect of displacing, wholly or in port, the automatic directions regime should make it as clear as possible which, if any, parts of Order 17, rule It were intended to remain in The district judge's order could

have been more felicitously expressed, but there was no doubt that the effect of the order was merely to extend by three months the time for lodging a hearing date tions regime. Practitioners would find it help-

ful to refer to the commentary the County Court Practice 1996 tot p281) under the subheading "automatic striking out".

expressed in clear and specific Solicitors: Coleman Tilley Tarrant Sutton, Kingston upon The question for their Lordships

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Both sections 98 and 251 of the Bernindian Act were drafted tak-HIE 18th September such distriction Although section 48 and its head ing. "Provious as to liability of officers and auditors", read in isolation might justify a different inference, when the other provisions of the Act and the general legal context were taken into count, the inference could be seen to be unsound.

Bylaw 123, under the heading "Indemnity" provided "... every director, officer of the company मार्थ क्रिक्सिटर स्र व व्यक्तकातिक व्यक्त indemnified out of the funds of the company against all civil leabilities

such director, officer or commute shall extend to any person acting as a director, officer or committee member . . provided always that the indemnity . shall not extend to any matter which would render it void pursuant to the Componies

The phrase "every director, officer of the company and member of a commince constituted under hylaw 41" was repeated in the inflowing bylaws.

The plaintiff contended, inter alia, that the hybras should be read consistently and hybra 123 was drafted unay to refer to earlie bylaws, such as bylaw 49 which provided expressly for the officers of the company and which did not refer to auditors not, on an ordinary reading, did it extend to

However, bylaw 118, providing for the appointment of auditors, provided:

auditors shall be appointed and their duties regulated in accordance with the Compunies Act ... and such requirements not inconsistent with

That bylaw had to be read with the statutory provisions to which it referred. Consequently if the auditers were appointed under section 89 of the Act, they were appointed as officers of the company, and bylaw 118 implicitly confirmed Thus, notwithstanding bylaw

99, the bylaws did contemplate

and provide for auditors to be appointed in accordance with section 89 as officers of the company. There was no dispute the defendants were appointed under section 39, so that they were to be regarded as officers of the company for the purposes of the bylaws for the periods for which they were appointed, and were entitled to the protection of bylaw

Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Thorpe agreed. Solicitors: S: Harwood; Freshfields. Stephenson

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

to prison for confempt of cours for breach of an order to the a specific act by a specific date outld not be continued again under the senie order. If the failure to obey the

allowing an appeal by Faris Ialal from the order of Judge Harold Wilson villing in Oxford County Court on July 23, 1990 communing him to a second term of imprisonthent for contempt of court for his continuing Lulum to comply with an order for the delivery up of property to Bunda Kurnan within

following the divorce of the parties in 1992 Mrs Kumari applied for ancillary relief, including an order he the delivery to her of certain property. An order was made by a district judge that certain specified items be returned to Mr. Kuman within seven days

Mr Piers Pressdee for Mr Jalal:

Danchevsky v Danchevsky (No 2) (1977) 121 SJ 796; CA (Civ) Tran-

Kumari v Jalal

Dudgment 25 July

A person who had been communed 30 back in court to obtain a further

The Court of Appeal so stated

When Mr Jalal failed to comply

with the order he way committed to present for three months by Judge Wilson-Melker, QL, on Mrs Kuntari's application, Mr Jalal took no further action to return the specified items when he was released from prison and Mrs. Kumari applied to have him committed again on the ground that he had still failed to comply Wilson sentenced Mr Jakal to a further six months.

Regina v Brent and Harrow

Health Authority. Ex parte

Harrow London Borough

A district health authority was not

prevented by section 166 of the Education Act 1993 from rationing

resources available to meet a

request for help in education

provision for a child with special

the Queen's Bench Division on

October & when dismissing an

application for judicial review of Brent and Harrow Health

request by Harrow Lundon Bor-

ough Council to provide therapy

HIS LORDSHIP said that

under section into of the 1993 Act a

district health authority was obliged to help in the provision of special educational needs unless,

under subsection (2): "having re-

for a child with special needs.

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Mr Gurnau: Gill for Mrs Komerli no date for compliance was inserted in the order, then a TORD JUSTICE NERT GO committal order exild not be that the present area demonstrated made. It was also apparent from the care which had to be taken

before orders for commutal for

contempt of ours were made

were technical rules laid An order for committel anched the liberty of the subject. It was therefore important that before the order was made, the agent should scrutanise with great care not only the facts but the

procedure The main ground of appeal was that the order made by the district judge was for the return of the go do hi a specific day that Mr lated had tailed to comply with the order, and, having falled to comply, that breach was a single He seried a term of three months imprisonment fallowing the order of Judge Wilson-Median

> But in respect of that breach he could not be rentenced again. entencing hum again for the same When there was a discuste about Property, a court could decide the acceptage of title and oveild make in rder to delivery up

Resources rationed

property. Under the Rules of the Supreme Court II was a minute not to make an order specifying a rime for definers up see Order 42 rule order for committal, then it was plain from Order 45 rule 5/16 which was substantially the same

order was to be enlighed by an as Order 29, rule lift of the County Court Rules that it was necessary that the order for delivery must set out a date for compliance

them for the purpose of the exercise of their function under the

National Health Service Act 1977.

it is not reasonable for them in

function ordinarily performed on an annual but continuing basis,

according to a number of compet-ing priorities, one of which would

education authority under section

Under that section a health

when setting its annual budget. It

could not reasonably be expected to recalculate and reallocate re-

ources according to a particular

demand arising at a particular

not render it outwith the power of

the district health authority to seek

to ration its scarce resources.

The provisions of section 166 did

the provision of help to a local

The allocation of resources was a

The obligation on a local education audiority under section InS of the Education Act 1993 to arrange that special education provision be made for a child was not delegable. Mr Justice Turner so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on

Regina v Harrow London

Borough Council, Ex parte

October 5 when allowing an application by M. by her mother and next friend, for judicial review of Harrow's failure to comply with her statement of special educational needs. The authority argued that it was

relieved of the necessity of comply-ing with the statement because of a failure by the health authority to provide the requisite resources.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the

special education provision was de was set out in section 168 of It was owed personally to the

in respect of a child for whom

child and it was not by that section delegable. It was the duty of the authority itself to arrange that the provision was made.

If, under powers conferred as in section 166 of the 1993 Act, the authority requested help and such was provided, to that extent alone arrangement required by the statement. But if that help was not tion 168 provided no let-out for the

In clear terms the obligation upon an authority under section 168(5) was simply expressed and subject to no qualification, whether

Touchless assault

Council duty not

delegable

Regina v Sarecant There was no need for there to be

indecent touching, or the threat of such touching, for an act to constitute the offence of indecent accault

authority was required to have regard to the total resources avail-able, which it was likely to do The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Hutchison, Mr Justice Douglas Brown and Mr Justice Curtis) so held on August 19, when dismissing an appeal against conviction by Anthony David Sargeant on February 29, 1996 at Preston Crown Court (Judge Andrew, QC and a jury) of the offence of indecent

assault contrary to section (5(i) of the Sexual Offences Act 1956.

LORD JUSTICE HUTCHISON said that the appellant's principal ground of appeal was that for there to be an indecent assault in law there had to be indecent touching or at least the threat of indecent touching, and that in this instance there was no such touching or

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RACING: COST OF LATE ENTRY IN 1998 CLASSIC IS £75,000

Owners have new chance to make Derby challenge

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THE DERBY is to have a supplementary entry stage for the first time in its 216-year history to ensure the best horses can run in the world's most famous classic. Owners willing to pay £75,000 will be able to enter a runner seven days before the Epsom race, rather than adopting the far cheaper but more speculative system of entering a horse earlier in its career.

The radical decision is in response to the near farce this summer when most winners of the recognised Derby trials - including Santillana in the Thresher Classic Trial, High Baroque in the Chester Vase and Prize Giving in the Dee Stakes — did not hold an entry for the race.

In recent years, the likes of Pentire. White Muzzle and Classic Cliche have been glaring absentees from the Derby because they had not been entered as a yearling or at the start of their three-year-old careers. However, the supplementary entry plan, scheduled to come into effect in 1998, is a high risk stategy because it could reduce the number of early entries and thereby hit the El million prize-money

Sheikh Mohammed, who has entered 83 yearlings for next year's Derby at an initial cost of £250 each, is likely to

late supplementary entry rather than a blanket entry. Anthony Stroud, his racing manager, said yesterday. Other rich owners could adopt a similar approach.

Sue Ellen, managing director of United Racecourses. said yesterday: "We want to make sure we get the best horses in the Derby. We want the best possible field and we don't want anyone to be denied entry becasue they were not entered at an earlier stage. Similarly, we want to protect the yearling entry system because it is a significant part of the prize-money. The existing entry system is already capable of generating a £1 million Derby and we do

not wish to jeopardise this by

favour of this new entry stage, hence the level at which the fee has been set."

If an owner enters a horse as a yearling for the 1997 Derby, and it runs, the total cost of entry fees will be £6,250 -£250 as a yearling, £1,000 on March 4 next year, £3,000 on May 21 and £2,000 just before the race. However, the cost is higher if entry is not made until the year of the race. The first charge on April 9, before any of the classic trials have been run, is £8,000, on May 21 a further £9,000 is due, along with £2,000 just before the race - a total of £19,000.

Stroug welcomed the sevenday entry plan. "It is excellent because it will cost less money

BETTING: Coret: 100-30 Jlyuch, 7-2 Carton Can, 7-1 Orchestra Stell, 10-1 Ballynakely, Candle Smile, 12-1 offers Ledbroker, 7-2 Carton Can, Jlyuch, 6-1 Orchestra Stall, 8-1 Candle Smile, 10-1 citiers William Hill: 7-2 Jlyush, 4-1 Carton Can, 6-1 Orchestra Stall, 10-1 Ballynakelly, 12-1 offers

Ballynakow, 12-1 citres.
4.15 DUBAL CHAMPION STARES (Group I. £171,342 fm 21) (8 acceptors) Boera Sham (H Cecil), Even Top (M Tompkins), First Island (S Wisgo), Glory Of Demoer (P Kalleway), Halling (S bin Suroor), Tamarka (J Ceo), Wall Street (S bin Suroor), Tamarka (J Ceo), Wall Street (S bin Suroor)

Surco).

SETTING: Corei: 6-4 Halling, 13-8
Bosra Sham, 3-1 Timarida, 12-1 Even
Top, First Island, 40-1 others Ladbroke:
11-8 Halling, 7-4 Bosra Sham, 3-1
Timarida, 10-1 First Island, 14-1 others.
William Hill: 6-4 Halling, Bosra Sham, 1
I Timarida, 10-1 Even Top, 12-1 others.

supplement, not both, and I'm suce we will supplement. It will be possible to be more selective in the run-up to the race. Also, if we have an outstanding filly she can run in the Derby, whereas at the moment fillies tend not to be entered. For example, Oh So Sharp would probably have taken on Slip Anchor."

view that the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket will be dominated by Halling and Bosra Sham. The pair dispute favouritism at around 6-4, with the Irish challenger. Timarida, the only other of the eight-strong acceptance to re-ceive a single-figure quote.

Timarida has secured three group one victories this seaon, on the latest occasion taking the Irish Champion Stakes. John Oxx, her trainer. said: "She's been working well and deserves to take her chance, although it's going to be tough against Halling and Bosra Sham.

First Island has been switched to Saturday's race after Geoff Wragg had a change of heart about running the colt in the Breeders' Cup Mile. "Rather than send him to Toronto and Hong Kong. which means two long trips, we've decided to run him in the Champion Stakes and then in the International Cup in Hong Kong, which is five weeks away," Wragg said.

THE Queen's Rash Gift, noseband, can manage only third in the Dor-mouse Apprentice Maiden Stakes at Leicester yesterday. The race was won by Robamaset, the 5-2 favourite. With 9 winners as an owner, The Queen has one runner today, Spanish Knot, in search of a 600th success. The twoyear-old filly, trained by Lord Huntingdon, contests the final race at Leicester having shaped encouraging when second at Brighton last time out.

The most impressive winner on yesterday's card was Present Arms.

Richard Quinn, also successful on Windsor Castle and Mystic Dawn, Present Arms strode to the front three furlongs out in the Rabbit Handicap and stayed on strongly to beat Trick by three lengths. He will next run in the November Handicap at Doncaster, in which he will carry a 4lb penalty for this success. Fahd Salman, the owner of Present Arms, said: "He is a much improved horse and will be even better next year, maybe even up to group class."

colours, was seen at his strongest on Windsor Castle, who led in the dying strides to beat Atlantic Desire by a head in the Hedgehog Conditions Stakes. The winner was never on the bridle at any stage. "He needs a longer distance and we will probably put him away now until next year, as he is a very immature horse," Salman said. Quinn has now ridden 145 winners this year, but remains 30 behind Pat Eddery, who rode Vanishing Trick to win the finale.

3.00 TOTE CESAREMITCH (Handicap246.820: 2m 2) (30 five-day acceptora) Bellynekelly (trained by R Akehurst), Better Offer (G Harwood), Blaze Away, (Balding), Candle Smile (M Stoule), Canon Can (H Ceoil), Captain's Guest (G Harwood), Chris's Lad (B Meehan), Claireswan (M Tompkirs), Denjing (M Ppoe), Deraydan (M Ppoe), Embryonic (A Fisher), En Vacances (A Foster), Hosting Line (E Alston), French by (F Murphy, Frogmarch (P Prilips), Good Hand (S Kettiewell), Granby Bell (P Hayward), Harbour Island (M Stouts), Inchcalifoch (J King), Nor's Plutter (D Esworth), Jiyuah (H Thomson Jones), Old Rouvel (D Murray Smith), Orchestra Stati (J Durlop), Paradise Nery (C Egertori), Runaway Pete (M Ppoe), Sea Plane (A Bates), Sea Victor (J Harrs), Secret Service (C Thomton), Trainglot (J Fitzgerald), Witney-DeBergerac (J Moore) LEICESTER

THUNDERER

1,30 Fabled Light 2.00 Sporting Fellow 2.30 Final Trial

4.30 Mbs PMes 5.00 Deep Water

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4,00 LOKI. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 River Usk. 4,30 MISS RIVIERA (nap). 5.00 Zibeth.

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Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

GUIDE TO THE PRICES

The West Desert King Mind Cheetah

The Dowhurst Stakes, at Newmarket on Friday, is traditionally the best guide to the following season's colts' classics. Run over seven furlongs, it needs a horse with stamina and a smart turn of foot.

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Behamian Bounty completed a group one double in the Middle Park Stakes here euries this month when beating Muchea by a head. However, he is likely to struggle in his attempt to make it three. The Dewhurst appears a much stronger race, and Bahamian Bounty in not certain to appreciate the extra furong. Desert King is the only other group one winner in the line-up, and commands the winner in the line-up, and commands the utmost respect. He hails from Aidan OBrien's powerful yard in Ireland, and did well to weave his way through from an unpromising position when landing the National Stakes at

Berry The Dip put up his best performance when stepped up to a mile in the Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot, and may find the return to States at Ascot, and may find the return to seven furlongs against him, while the well-bred Hattarra deserves to be bigger than 14-1 judged on his two runs so far. However, Kahal will take all the beating. He improved markedly for his debut short-head second to Sunbeam Dance at Laicester when smoothly winning a conditions race at Ascot (Sunbeam Dence seven lengths back in fourth). At 3-1 with Coral, KAHAL.

LESTERDAYS RESULTS

Leicester

Going: good to litm, firm in back straight 1.30 (7) 9yd) 1, ROBAMASET (R French, 5-2 lav); 2, Lucky Archer (J Gotobed, 4-1); 3, Rash Gift (Armae Cook, 11-2) ALSO S, Haint Gyl Prinse Cott, 11-27 ALSO RAN: 9-2 Golden Thunderbotk (501), 8 Hannalou (8th), 16 WM Do. 20 Martindale, 25 Alt Stand, 33 Bright Demond (4th), 95 Eccentric Center, Holstiepper, New Technique, Perpetual Hope, 13 ran. 5, nlt, 91, nd, 11/11, L. Curnent at Newmertest. Tote: 22.60; Ct.10, 21.90, 52.20 DF: 25.90 This: 216.20, CSF, 211.96.

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2.00 (Im Byd) 1, MYSTIC DAWN (I Cuinn, 13-2); 2, Cata Bottom (G Perion, 15-2); 3, Kazimiara (Martin Dawyer, 20-1); 4, Parsna (Pat Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN 5-1 liar Ondorthedisch (Sith), 10 Dissalowed (6th), 12 Miss Charle, 14 Desert Lyrx, Gymonic Hyer, Honorable Estate, Sastar Act, 16 Carl Of My Drasma, Holoway Melody, Miss Carobana, 20 Ember, 33 Honestly, La Filte De Cirque, Lucky Rawanga, Snowy Martile, 19 ran, NR Auchey Grace, 1541, ri, 11, 11, rih. S Dowe at Epoom. Tole; £7.80; £3.00; £1.90. D4.80, £2.50 DF; £37.20 Trio; £2.22.40, CSF; £54.92; Tricast; £57.26; £3.02; £1.90; £3.00; £1.90. D4.80, £2.50 DF; £37.20 Trio; £2.22.40, CSF; £54.92; Tricast; £57.26; £3.00; £1.90; £3.90

E27.70 Trio: E34.20. CSF- £41.43.
3.00 (71 9yd) 1, ALPRIKE HIDEAWAY (G. Fluifinir, 11-8 fay); 2, Regal Splendour (Devid O'Nelil, 15-8); 3, Angus McCostup (A. McCarthy, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 8 The Fugative (5th), 20 Bairsley (4th), 20 Lachests (6th), 25 Fair Lady, 50 Macs Clan, Vermisse Dearce; 86 Gay Breeze, Northern Clan, 11 ran, NR Germin Orean; 51, 141, rk, M, 21. B Hambury at Newmarkst, Tote, 52.30; 51.10, 51.60, 52.20. The 53.90 CSF 54.21.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPER. Mrs M Reveloy, 66 warmers from 227 majors. 79 1%, J J O'Rell, 12 locus 59, 20 3%. N Majors 6 form 31, 19 4%. J Jefferson 5 form 26, 17 9%. 6 Moore 21 from 121 17 4%.
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DATO STAR, trained by Malcolm Jefferson, is to reappear in the Holly Maiden Stakes at Haydock Park tomorrow. The Champion Hurdle hope, returned to the best of health after injuring his hock in a fall at the same course in February, could then tackle the November Handicap, in which he fin-

ished second last year. "Everything is right for his reappearance and if anything he looks a stronger horse. Jefferson's wife. Sue, said. Hurdling will be the aim. with the Champion Hurdle the objective but he's been entered for the November Handicap and if he gets a decent weight and soft ground he will run.

Jefferson named the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham in December as a likely first target for Dato Star over timber.



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Four-year ban for Fayers reflects union's hard line

BY MARK SOUSTER

sentences of its kind, the Sconish Rugby Union (SRU) yesterday banned Jason Fayers, the Edinburgh Academicals prop forward, for four years after finding him guilty of foul play,

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Fayers, 22 a veterinary student, punched Craig Halliday, the Kelso prop. at a lineout during a Tennents Premiership division two match on September 28 and broke his jaw in two places. Halliday, 23, a mechanic, has had two metal plates inserted into his mouth and will not play again this season. Fayers must now wait to

learn whether he will be charged with a criminal offence resulting from the same incident. Lothian and Borders police will forward their report to Graham Fraser, the procurator fiscal at Jedhurgh, shortly. All relevant information, including the outcome of the SRU disciplinary hearing last Thursday - the result of which was only announced yesterday - will be sent within the next ten days to Crown Counsel in Edinburgh for a decision on whether there is a criminal case to answer.

The question of whether the player could expect a fair hearing if the case resulted in trial by jury divided legal

IN ONE of the most severe SRU verdict might compromise his inquiry. "As far as I am concerned, the two marters are totally separate," he said. "However, I don't know whether a court would decide if the SRU has affected this,"

Fayers's poor disciplinary record has counted against him. Last season he was suspended for eight weeks after being sent off in a match against Stewart's Melville FP. At the hearing, Brian Cassie, the Kelso booker, who was also sent off in the same match for stamping, the third time he had been dismissed in two years, was hanned for a year.

Charles Landlaw, the SRU spokesman, said: The sen-tences reflect the nature of the offences and the SRU's determination to send the clearest of signals that foul play has no place in rugby union."

Magnus Moodie, of Edinhurgh Academicals, said the club had no comment to make hecause of the continuing police inquiry except to back the union's "condemnation of violence on the field of play". Fayers's sentence is believed

to be the second longest in Scottish rugby history: Two years ago. Billy Blyth, a Murrayfield player, was sus-pended for five years for punching the Leith Academicals hooker, lan Jeffrey. The

being convicted of assault on Stan Watt, the Musvelburgh

the law in sport in Scotland follows a directive from Lord Mackay of Drumadonn, the Lord Advocate, who in July insisted that sportsmen were not above the law. The most celebrated case in Scotland involved Duncan Ferguson. the former Rangers and now Everton footballer, who was jailed for six weeks after being found guity of headbutting John McStay, of Raith Rovers. ☐ David Melvor, the Caledonia Reds captain, and John Kerr, the wing, both miss the Heineken Cup match against Neath at The Gnoll tomorrow night because of injury. Melvor has a neck injury and is replaced by Stuart Hannah, of Kirkcaldy, who makes his district debut, while David Officer comes in for Kerr. Ulster on Sunday

Glasgow make changes at half back for their Conference meeting with Sale at Hughenden. Callum Mac-Gregor, of Glasgow Academicals, is dropped in favour of John MacLood, of Glasgow High Kelvinside, while injury rules out Fraser Stott, the scrum haif. Jamie Weston, of Watsonians, comes in as his

experts in Scotland yesterday. same season, Scott McMillan, Mr Fisher denied that the of Preston Lodge, was sent to same season, Scott McMillan, **New Zealand Barbarians** draw on All Black strength

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THEY may not be the All Blacks but there will be little to choose between them when a New Zeuland Barbarians side plays England at Twickenham on November 30. Of the 23 players the Barbarians will bring next month, a dozen can be described as internationals and 18 have represented New Zealand on tour.

John Hart, the national coach, is also taking the opportunity of this two-match visit - the Barbarians play a warm-up match against the Northern Counties at Huddersfield on November 24 — to blood younger players such as inson. Ranby is a New Zea-

Mark Ranby and Mark Robland Under-19 centre and has heen playing well for Manawatu in the second division of the provincial championship.

Since Christian Cullen, the rising star of the senior back division this year, comes from the same province, Ranby's credentials may be relied upon. Robinson, the North Harbour scrum half, provides back-up for the exciting Justin Marshall, perhaps the most consistent player in New Zealand's demanding international programme during the summer.

New Zealand have been true to their word in producing their best players. Jonah Lomu, hindered by a knee injury during the tour of South Africa, is among the party captained by Sean Fitzpatrick, as are Cullen, Andrew

FOOTBALL

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Second division

Third division

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Sheffield Uld v Charlton (7 45)

Stockport v Luton
Walsall v Preston (7 45)
Watford v Burnley (7 45)

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Ueta Cup

Mehrtens and Michael Jones. The most obvious absentee is Zinzan Brooke, the No 8 whose name has been linked with several of the wealthier English clubs.

Bath are optimistic that Henry Paul, their centre from Wigan, will have recovered from a shoulder injury in time to play against Pontypridd in the Heineken Cup on Saturday. An X-ray indicated only minor damage sustained during the win over Edinburgh. which is more than can be said for Maurice Field and Mark McCall. The two Ireland international centres will miss Ulster's game at Ravenhill tomorrow, when Harlequins make their bow in Europe. The Rughy Football Union (RFU) will invite Worcester's

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Wales v Hotland (2.30)
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Bridge v Amenon
DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division;
Achlord v Gravesend and Northbeer (7.45).
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Crastey (7.45). Derchester v Newpon AFC
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Gloucester (7.45). Kings Lynn v Sudbury InGraves (7.45). Kings Lynn v Graves (7.45).
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division: Grimsby v Braciford (7-0) LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale

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LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE. Senior

Ueta under-18 championship qualifiers

Scotland v Lithuania (5.0) Wales v Hotland (2.30)

comments on reports that the Midland club chose to omit ten of their better players from the second-round Pilkington Cup tie with Cheltenham at the weekend. However, there is no stipulation in the competition regulations that clubs are required to play their bone fide first XV, unlike in the Courage Clubs Championship rules, and given the mixed approach to the Anglo-Welsh tournament, Worcester may feel they adopted the most pragmatic of approaches.

Even so, any club choosing to field a weakened side - as Gloucester admitted they did against Harlequins in the league in August - must devalue the competition and infuriate a loyal sponsor. Nor does such action encourage other companies to consider

investing in rugby. Cheltenham, who benefited from Worcester's actions by winning the cup-tie, were drawn yesterday to play Henley at home in the third round on November 2. With an air of inevitability, the club drawn to create matching numbers in each region, north and south. was Redruth and they must travel to Leeds: past cup finalists entering at this stage include Rosslyn Park, at home Havant, and London

Welsh, at home to Reading. Bath take a strong side to play Oxford University at lffley Road tonight. Jason Robinson, the Wigan rugby league player, is among the visiting line-up.

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RUGBY UNION

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Yankees power to World Series



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Erickson, left, the Orioles pitcher, gives up a home run to Leyritz, while Strawberry falls victim to a double play by Alomar

By Keith Blackmore

THE New York Yankees, the most famous team in baseball, ended a 15-year drought on Sunday night when they beat the Baltimore Orioles 6-4 to win the best-of-seven American League champ It was their 34th American League

pennant, but their first since 1981. On Saturday, they will open their first World Series since then, entertaining either the St Louis Cardinals or the Atlanta Braves at Yankee Stadium for the first two games.

The Yankees took the series against Baltimore by winning the last three games away from home, giving them a record of nine wins and no losses in Baltimore this season, and they did it with power hitting - supposedly the strength of their opponents.

On Sunday, the big hits came from Jim Leyritz, Cecil Fielder and Darryl Strawberry, each of whom homered, givseries, a record - and this against a team that had set a record for home runs in the

The result gave special satisfaction to Joe Torre, who took over as manager at the beginning of the season. In a career spanning more than 4,000 games since 1970 as player and manager, he has never been to a World Series. "I can't tell you what this feels like,"

Forre said. "Now I understand when all the participants used to say it's fun to play in the World Series because of all work it takes getting there. I'm usually watching this thing on a 20-inch TV set. It's nice being inside it." As luck would have it, he is certain to

find himself up against one of his former

teams. He was the manager of the Braves when they reached the play-offs in 1982, but he is far more likely to be facing the Cardinals, who he managed for five years before going to New York. A home run by Brian Jordan, a former

National Footbell League player, in the bottom of the eighth inning took the Cardinals to a 4-3 victory in St Louis on Sunday night, giving them a 3-1 lead in the series with another home game due to be played last night.

The Cardinals can hardly have dreamt of being in such a position. The Braves won the World Series last year and were beavy favourites to win their fourth National League pennant in five attempts. St Louis had not been to the playoffs for nine years and are under a new manager, Tony La Russa, who master-minded the rise of the Oakland A's in the

and management in Seoul to

base himself at the national

badminton centre in Milton

BADMINTON: SOUTH KOREAN COACH CAN HELP REVIVE FLAGGING FORTUNES

Park rides to England's rescue

THE Badminton Association of England (BAE) yesterday announced one of the most notable coaching appointments in its 100-year history with the news that Park Joo-Bong, widely regarded as the greatest all-round doubles player of all time, will be coming to work in this country

in January.
Park, who retired for the second and last time after supplementing the Olympic men's doubles gold medal he won in Barcelona with a mixed doubles silver in Atlanta in August, should also provide a boost to British Olympic hopes. The South Korean's initial contract takes

him up until the Sydney Games in 2000. Although Scotland, Wales

and Ireland may, in due course, experience some benefit from Park's arrival, it is the BAE that has landed the exceptional coup, the most notable of three important appointments it has made in the past three months.

"Park's level of expertise

and experience, and insight into winning major competitions, is unique," Baddeley, England's director of elise play, said. "He could fourth place and a gold medal in Sydney. England's players have never had it so good." Baddeley has plenty of justification for making such a

of the Danish coach, Asger Madsen, the first foreigner to be employed full-time by the BAE. Baddeley, England's most successful men's singles player since the war, made a ong-awaited return to these shores in the summer after six years in Scotland and Switzerland, where he was the national team coach.

claim because, three months

ago, he acquired the services

Park, however, is a badminton legend, having won nine All-England and five world titles. At the age of 32 he is still playing well enough to have considered several more successful years on the circuit, but he has nothing left to prove. He is relinquishing his role as professor of sports, science

Keynes, a move that will surprise many people. However, his decision has been influenced by the success of the seven-year visit to England of another noted Korean returned home earlier this Park's task is substantial.

The Great Britain record in Atlanta was dismal, with only the men's doubles pair reaching the quarter-finals stage.

The BAE has also announced a £70,000 sponsorship of the sport at grassroots level with the aim of encouraging more people to take part in

IN BRIEF

Sorenstam races to eight-shot victory

ANNIKA SORENSTAM, of Sweden, outclassed a high-quality field to win the Betsy King LPGA Classic in Pennsylvania by eight strokes on Sunday, The US Women's Open champion finished with a 68, four under par, for a total of 270, IS under. Laura Davies, still the world No I ahead of Sorenstam, was second, five strokes ahead of Liselotte Neumann and Dawn Coe-Jones. Caroline Pierce shared fifth place with Beth Daniel, a further two shors behind.

Sorenstam is in third place on the LPGA money-list, well behind Karrie Webb, the Australian rookie, who leads nar-rowly from Davies. The Englishwoman is playing in the Italian Open de Sicilia this week, in an effort to overtake Helen Alfredsson at the top of the European order of merit. while Webb competes in the Samsung World Championship of Women's Golf in

Morgan ahead

Snooker: Brian Morgan, who leapt from 59th to 22nd on the provisional world ranking list by finishing runner-up to Ronnie O'Sullivan in the Asian Classic last month, led Drew Henry 4-3 in the final of the ionship at Edinburgh yester day. Morgan, a former world junior champion, needed only five of the remaining ten frames last night to collect an automatic wild-card invitation to the Benson and Hedges Masters in February.

Reserves excel

Squash: England showed that they have strength in depth when wins by Suzanne Horner, Fiona Geaves and Linda Charman enabled them to beat Egypt 3-0 in the first qualifying round of the Perrier Women's World Team Championship in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia, yesterday, Geaves was a late replacement for Sue Wright, who has sciatic nerve trouble, while Linda Charman took over from Jane Martin, who has a

McRae leads

Motor railying: Colin McRae, of Scotland, led the San Remo Rally after the first day yesterday. Tommi Makinen, of Finland, the world champion, turned his Mitsubishi over on a corner after only 500 metres and pulled out.

Briton's award

Cycling: Chris Boardman, the world one-hour record-holder. world pursuit champion and silver medal-winner in the world time-trial championship last week, has been named rider of the year by the Association of International Cycling Journalists. In the final ballot, the Briton beat Miguel Indurain, of Spain, who won the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta

crew felt confident in their

Our eldest son spoke to his

father and became a little

distressed. This was easily

remedied when I waved our

around-the-world airline tickets under his nose and pointed

out that if Daddy was not on

his adventure then we would

not be setting off on ours later

this year. We tried our back-

packs on — again — and

suddenly life was not so

Rover crew speak regularly

The wives of the Ocean

abilities.

bleak.

Left behind but not feeling home alone

weeks since my husband Left Southampton aboard Ocean Rover on the BT Global Challenge. That Sunday will remain in my memory as one of the most emotional of my life. On Monday morning, still suffering the after-effects of Cup: Group D: Joington St Mary's 1 such a traumatic occasion. I Cup: Group D: Eargion Si Many's V
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Wedingborough. composed myself to face the world. The school run was my first personal encounter with others. This proved a little fraught as I took the children

into school.

Still lighting to contain the tears, I found myself consciously avoiding eye contact with anyone who would ask how we were, for fear of making a spectacle of myself. The worst happened: I was spotted by another mother, who watched me approach the classroom with a concerned eye. As I cracked, my saviour came in the form of the inimitable Mrs Wright, our youngest child's teacher, who swept me into her arms amid pages printed from the Internet and much enthusi-

asm for the Challenge. In fact, both children's form teachers have shown great interest in the Challenge and updated information can be found on the school nonce board. "How are they getting on?" is a question often posed by staff and pupils alike. I am grateful for this active interest as it allows the children to feel part of Daddy's adventure. The first week brought a flurry of calls and offers of assistance from family, friends and acquaintances alike, which has lifted our spirits and increased

progress of her husband as Ocean Rover heads towards Rio

Tracey Capstick charts the course of her emotions and the

the level of excitement. Far from being left behind and alone, we are in the midst of it. In a prominent position in our home is the official Ocean Rover route map. Within two days I had experienced a complete metamorphosis; suddenly it has become of primary importance what progress hear from him so soon and Ocean Rover is making and

what position they are in. Every morning we fax the BT Global Challenge information line to update the yacht's race position and map reference. I now find I rarely view the race in totality, but focus on where Ocean Rover is in relation to the other yachts as they make their way to Rio. In the latter part of the first week, Jim phoned to see how we were. I was a little surprised to

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consequently a little short of conversation. I was encouraged by his confident and happy manner. I found myself asking: "Why are you only eighth? You chaps had better pull your fingers out." To which the reply was: "It's OK, we're working on it and beginning to move up now." The competitive aspect of my nature had taken over. Apart from the constant

"where are they now" under-

current, the week was relatively normal. On Monday our house was under offer, my offer was accepted on the new house and, with both solicitor and mortgage company engaged, I was aiming at completion during the third week in November. By Friday my purchasers had pulled out and it was all off. A false labour for three hours in the early hours of Thursday morning also added a new dimension for a while.

On Tuesday of the second week, it was Jim's 38th birthday. We got up early and sent a fax to the yacht via Portishead Communication Centre. Jim phoned later that evening. This call I was ready for. He sounded in good spirits. Ocean Rover had im-

and pass on information gleaned from our husbands' phone calls. Through the BT Challenge Business Information system, we know exactly where they are and, in addition, we are fortunte to have a sponsor who has employed a dedicated team of people aptly named the Ocean Rover Project - whose role includes conveying information to friends and family.

During the daily ritual of scanning the newspapers for additional information, I found one line at the end of a report on another sailing story: Ocean Rover had hit a shark! The rational side of me realised that sharks come in a variety of sizes and dispositions, but within minutes my imagination had conjured up a scene similar to one from Jaws. One call to the Ocean Rover Project and my sense of perspective returned. No injuries to the crew, no damage to the yacht. My peace of mind was restored, for the present





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Money means more than glory to Europe's finest

hen sport begins count-ing the takings ahead of the glory, we have problems. When money means more than the integrity of the competition, who can doubt that sport itself is devalued and that the disease will spread to the minds of

the players? With Manchester United now settling as best they can on the banks of the Bosphorus, it is European Champions' League time again - except that very soon it will be champions, runners-up, maybe even third-place qualifiers in the competition that used to be the best versus the best, and is soon to sacrifice this for invited big leaguers, while the real winners of smaller nations can go and play

When Uefa, the European governing body, passed through Turkey just over a week ago, it confirmed at Ankara that from

of 16 clubs in the Champions' League, and that in the event of Manchester United winning the FA Cup next May, England would start in July with three participants. This column's objections to the dilution of the essence of the competition - how ludicrous it is to continue to call it a Champions' League - has been set out before. But now, it gets worse; if Manchester United finish third in the FA Carling Premiership and, say Liverpool were champions and Newcastle United runners-up, all

And it is, make no mistake, a money league. Did you read last week Manchester United's valuation of their own club at around E400 million? Do you follow Italian football closely enough to know that Silvio Berlusconi, the former prime minister, is not only the owner of AC Milan but also of the commercial television stations

three would be in the money next

helping to push Europe towards the rich elite. He intends to follow United's lead and to float his club on the Bourse, the Italian equiva-lent to the London stock exchange. Dealing with American and British bankers to put a valuation

on Milan's assets, Signor Berlusconi makes it plain that if, as happened to Gucci last year, the club is blocked from its own Bourse listing, then he would go abroad. His own estimation is that Milan is worth 400 billion lire (El67 million). This, perhaps sur-prisingly, rates Milan junior to Manchester United, but only in stocks and shares. Berlusconi paid 20 billion lire (£8.3 million) to Franco Baresi, George Weah and company for winning Italy's Serie A championship this summer.

Strange, but the players now seem sated. They lost 3-0 against AS Roma in Rome last Saturday. carelessly conceding two goals in 20 minutes, and doing nothing in

ROB HUGHES



Overseas Football

reply until a third goal hit them before the final whistle. Juventus, the European Cup holders, went to Vicenza and outplayed them but lost 2-1 the concentration in defence that had blotted out Manchester United last month.

And round Europe the matches before the Champions League had a familiar tale. In Spain, Atletico Madrid, who have scored four goals in each of their two Champions' League appearances so far, again took their eyes off the home league ball and were held 2-2 by Real Betis, thus losing further

ground to Barcelona.

Raddy Antic, the former Luton
Town player who had survived a full year as coach under the dreaded club president, Jesus Gil, will not be worried as long as his Argentine forwards, Diego Simeone and Juan Esnaider, score goals where it counts, and the Serb, Milinko Pantic, does his inspirational stuff from midfield. For Gil has spoken: he wants a place at the presidents' table, and he means the high table of Europe.

too, often contend that they cannot win everything. The fixture lists. the clubs who ignore medical warnings of overuse to get their money's worth out of bloated contracts, are suppressing the essence of play. We cannot stop the world, or even Europe's corner of it, and jump off back into the days when European Cup nights were a light, exciting, added flavour, like

the rich sauce to a good meal. Uefa knows what we know, that the extended and gradually exclu-sive Champions' League is a misnomer; it also knows that if it did not in effect abdicate to the demands of Berlusconi, Man-chester United and the self-appointed giants, they would eventually form a league of their own, abandoning the home grounds. and leaving the rest to play for comparative peanuts among

Business, business, business. If

rather read at least one paragraph about a sportsman, try Tijani Babangida. He is 22, he once played for Arewa Textiles, and then Niger Tornadoes. Tomorrow, all being well, he will play at Rangers . . . for he is the new right winger of Ajax. That club, having been forced by the Bosman ruling to lose world class players, and in an injury epidemic that numbers live of their team, have a bewitch-

ing winger in Bahangida.

Those who saw him at the summer Olympics saw dancing feet, an almost untutored throwback to the days when a winger had one purpose and one entertaining aim. He has since tormented Paolo Maldini, and leaves all the talk of money, and of lost principles behind. Although one wishes Rangers no further embarrassments in Europe, how nice it is to see something as yet untainted

Newcastle worried by threat of racism

FROM DAVID MADDOCK IN BUDAPEST

FRADI. It means the People's Team, and is the nickname of Ferencearos. Hungary's most successful football club. The problem is, the people of former Eastern bloc countries still have not quite worked out who they are, and they sometimes cling to reactionary politics as a way of bringing order to the breakdown around

The motto of the Budapest club is Strength, Understand-ing, Morality, but Ferencyaros have attracted a violent right wing following, with little morality, who cite nationalistic hatred in the name of the

It can be ugly to witness. Ajax were on the receiving end of it last season, when their black players were abused and threatened in a European Champions' League tie to such an extent that the Hungarian supporters were banned from



Ferdinand: strong views

the return game in Holland. There has been violence too, the club receiving a fine of £53,000 after trouble this season when Olympiakos, of Greece, travelled to Budapest.

It is into this volatile atmosphere that Newcastle United venture today, with some trepidation. Their black players have been warned of the problems they could face, and they know from all too real experience that it may not be pleasant.

Les Ferdinand, the England centre forward, has encountered such odious racism in Britain and he, thereforc. holds little hope for anything other than a repeat performance in Hungary.

'If this club has right-wing fans then you have to expect the worst, and the players could be like that as well," he said. "But I've experienced it before, many times, and nowadays it just spurs me on. Sometimes you do feel like reacting, but the best reaction is to score goals - there's no answer to that."

Ferdinand has strong thoughts on the issue of racism. He believes the problem has not gone away in England, even though it has been reduced, in the FA Carling Premiership at least.

Ferdinand took part in a high-profile advertising campaign with Eric Cantona, of Manchester United, to highlight the dangers inherent in such an ugly attitude. "It is not football's problem, it is soci-

ety's," he said.
"The problem is how people are brought up. It is so hard to change people's attitudes if they are raised to think black is no good. I don't think it will ever go away. It has calmed down a bit in the Premiership. but it's still there as strong as ever at the smaller clubs. where there is not the resources to dedicate to stamping it out, and I'm sure we will get it in Europe as well."

In this case, it is no idle threat to Ferdinand. The Ferencearos supporters are capable of a hatred that most of us cannot even imagine and purely because of the

colour of his skin. Kevin Keegan, Newcastle manager, has stressed to his players the size of the task awaiting them in Budapest. As a player with Liverpool, he lost to Hungary's top club and, for once, he has urged caution to his cavalier side, who will welcome back Faustino Asprilla. after his circuitous journey on the way back to England from international duty with

Keegan though, must not be too wary of a workmanlike Hungarian side, which possesses little of the sparkle of some of the great teams of the

Ferencearos have produced such luminaries as Sandor Rocsis and Zolton Czibor from the legendary Hungary team of the Fifties, and more recent-Florian Albert and Nyalisi. Zolton Varga, their new coach. believes that the golden days of the past, when such players were common, are long gone. "People believe Hungarian football has fallen asleep and just needs a kiss to wake it up. But I am not a prince," he said.

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Benito Carbone, who joined Sheffield Wednesday from Internazionale for £3 million yesterday. Report, page 52

Robson and Souness fined for outbursts

BRYAN ROBSON and Graeme Souness, the managers of Middlesbrough and Southampton respectively, have been found guilty of misconduct charges and fined by the Football Association.

Robson has been fined £1,500 and warned about his future conduct after remarks made to Michael Riley, the referee, following the match with Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on August 24. He has also been ordered to give a written undertaking not to become similarly involved in the future.

Souness has been fined £750 and warned about his future conduct as a result of remarks made to Riley after the Leicester City versus Southampton match at Filbert Street three days earlier. Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said: "This is a good time to point out that we are asking managers to observe a 30-minute cooling period after

the linal whistle before approaching match officials." [
Ian Wright, the Arsenal forward, has been charged with misconduct by the FA over remarks allegedly made about David Pleat, the Shef-

field Wednesday manager. Marco Gabbiadini, 28, the unsettled Derby County forward, has joined Birmingham City on a month's loan with a view to a permanent move to St Andrew's. Alan Mullery, 54, has been

left the game in 1987 after spells as manager of Brighton and Hove Albion, Charlton Athletic, Crystal Palace and Queens Park Rangers. The Professional Footballers' Association will an-

appointed as the new director

of football at Barnet. The

former Fulham and Totten-

ham Hotspur midfield player

nounce the result of its ballot this weekend on possible strike action by Nationwide League players.

United return to Istanbul with misgivings

By Rob Hughes, POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United travelled to Istanbul yesterday with their nerves on edge. Teething troubles began at Manchester airport, when their departure was delayed for almost two hours.

By then, Alex Ferguson, their manager, had used the time to debate the nature of the Turkish welcome, given the troubles United have had on and off the field in their visits to Istanbul in 1993 and 1994, although those games were against Galatasaray and not Fenerbahçe, their European Cup Champions' League opponents tomorrow. He need

not have worried. On board was one player almost literally carrying his own bed, and two bodyguards. The beds issue concerns the persistently troubled spine of Gary Pallister. The central defender missed the game against Liverpool on Saturday with a recurrence of his back injury, and Ferguson said before departure: "He had trouble with it last year. We really don't want to exacerbate it, and if there are any doubts he won't play.

"I'm lucky in that David absolutely magnificent together against Liverpool. Johnsen is a good player, and he's played at Fenerbahce. That will be important and he will

definitely be involved." As a precaution. Pallister travelled at the front of the plane, so that he could stretch his legs and minimise his sciatica problem. In the hold were wooden boards to put beneath his bed once United had arrived to play at Fenerbahce, which is across the Bosphorus River, on the Asian side of Istanbul, where East

Pallister talked about the socalled intimidation the last time United played in Istanbul that, with their 0-0 draw. damaged their prospects in the competition. "Certainly, we remember the reception we got at the airport," he said. Those very nice Turkish people, welcoming us to Hell, and running their fingers across their throats. We'd prefer to play in an atmosphere like that than something like a morgue." Things, though, were different this time around.

Peter Schmeichel, the goal-keeper, whose rush upfield to grab and eject a Turkish fan carrying a national flag at Old Trafford in 1993 sparked some of the ill-feeling, attempted to defuse the situation. "It's two years ago, and it's embarrassing that our newspapers write such stuff." he said. There was some trouble with police in Istanbul, it lasted 15 seconds, and there was one brick thrown at our bus. That was all, and it's disgraceful that you people

want to whip it all up. Disgrace or not, United are taking precautions. "Ned" Kelly, their head of security. will impose his considerable physical presence close to the players at all times.

On arrival in Istanbul, Kelly dutifully escorted Schmeichel and Eric Cantona to the luggage hall where, disarm- 💪 ingly, he found that the welcoming party comprised one pretty, dark-eyed radio inter-viewer, who keenly pursued the players, and then asked Kelly for an interview too. That was the size of it. The Turks had killed United with friendship.

Bid denied, page 27

High-flying Dodds ready to spread European wings

IT HAS taken ten years for Billy Dodds to gain recognition as a striker of some repute but he is revelling in his newfound status. When Aberdeen take on Brondby IF, of Denmark, at Pinodrie tonight, in a Uefa Cup second-round, firstleg tie, he is keen to demonstrate that his arrival on the European and international stage is much more than just a passing phase.

Dodds, 27, is the leading marksman in Britain, his two goals in Aberdeen's 3-0 win over Dunfermline on Saturday, in the Bell's Scottish ing his tally to in this season.

He also took part in Scotland's ultimately ill-fated World Cup trip to the Baltic states last week, which ended with the farcical non-match against Estonia in Tallinn.

Having made his Scotland bow four days earlier, when he came on as a substitute in the 2-0 win against Larvia in Riga, he was looking forward to making his full debut. He performed the kick-off ritual. by passing the ball to John Collins, hut the game was then abandoned because of Estonia's controversial absence.

started for Scotland, even after what followed." Dodds, a former Chelsea apprentice, said vesterday. "Everything has snowballed for me recently and I just hope it continues." Having scored twice on Saturday. Dodds was taken off on a stretcher after a clash of heads with Andy Tod, the Dunfermline defender, "I felt OK when I sat up but then

the game." "I can at least say I've

head, and another goal or two, if Aberdeen are to make any progress this evening. They have stumbled through the previous rounds, with unconvictories against Zalgiris Vilnius, of Lithuania.

and Barry Town, from the Konica League of Wales, and despite Dodds's prowess up front they possess a disturb-

ingly fruil defence. We never go into a game to shut up shop. It's not our nature." Tommy Craig, the looked around and saw about Aberdeen coach, said. To do 40 players." he said. "I think I that would be totally against was a wee bit concussed but our strengths. Anyway, our I'm all right now, It'll take a lot attack is always our first line more than that for me to miss of defence. That shouldn't be forgotten. Dodds will need a clear

Brondby, the Danish champions, were beaten in the qualifying round of the European Cup Champions' League by Widzew Lodz, of Poland. They then overcame Aarau, of Switzerland, having been awarded the consolation of a place in the Uefa Cup, and are confident of an extended run in the competition.

"It is not just about this tie." John Jensen, the former Arsenal midfield player, said. We know we can win it and then perhaps go all the way to the final." If they do, it is unlikely to be on the back of Jensen's marksmanship. He earned a cult following at Highbury after taking 98 matches to score his first, and only, goal for the north London club.

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Jensen: confident

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON AFTER FIVE-MATCH BAN GIVES STRUGGLING COWBOYS A BOOST

Take one phone Irvin proves worth to Dallas as Cardinals collapse BY OUR SPORTS STAFT response," Irvin said, "but it defeat of New England Patrirecord to 6-1, instead suffered number wherever was a warm welcome home ots, thanks to the accuracy of an unlikely defeat at the hands MICHAEL IRVIN, who was of Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

suspended and put on probation after being caught by police in a hotel in possession of cocaine, marijuana and two topless dancers, returned to what he does best on Sunday - catching footballs for Dallas Cowboys, the Super Bowl champions

The wide receiver, who served a five-match ban for violating the National Football League's (NFL) drugabuse regulations, caught five passes for 51 yards as the Cowboys, who lost three of their first four games in Irvin's absence, continued their revival with a 17-3 victory over Arizona Cardinals, "I would be lying if I said I wasn't worried about the crowd

and I appreciate that."

His colleagues were equally Emmitt Smith, the Dallas running back, who scored two touchdowns — the first the hundredth of his career said: "The morale was great with Mike back. It was good to see him in the locker-room. He brings a lot to the team."

Barry Switzer, the Dallas

head coach, said: "I don't know if the swagger is back, but we got a great football player back. It really helps." Dallas, though, can only hope that Washington Redskins do not run away with the National Football Conference eastern division title The Redskins secured their fifth successive victory, a 27-22

Gus Frerotte, who threw for 250 yards and two third-quarter touchdowns, and the handling skills of Henry Ellard. He caught two passes to set up Scott Blanton for a 24-yard field goal inside the last minute, after a two-yard touchdown run by Curtis Martin, their running back, had pulled New England to within two points at 24-22

The Redskins are one of five teams with a 5-1 record. The others are Indianapolis Colts, Denver Broncos, Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers, who secured their fifth successive win by beating Cincinnati Bengals.
Minnesota Vikings. who

had a chance to take their

their first victory of the season. Nick Lowery became the most prolific kicker of field goals in NFL history with a fourth-quarter attempt from 20 yards - the 374th of his career. Lowery's celebrations. though, were muted as his team, New York Jets, slumped to their seventh straight defeat. The Jets led 143 in

Trent Dilfer passed for 218 yards and three touchdowns

as the Buccaneers won 24-13 -

Jacksonville before losing 21-17 to the Jaguars. Mark Brunell throwing the two decisive touchdown passes. looking for their first win after

Atlanta Falcons are also losing at home to Houston. giving them a 0-6 record.

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US forces in bid to stop Els ruling at Wentworth

By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CURRESPONDENT

IT IS going to be very hard for Emie Els to get through another Toyota World Match Play Championship widout being beaten. He might have managed this in 1944 and 1995, but there is extra pressure on him now as he tries to win a third consecutive title. which no one has done before. In addition, there is the quality. of his fellow competitors in the event, that starts on Thursday,

Els, the top seed, swings into action at Wentworth on Friday when he faces either Steve Stricker or Steve Elkington, the 1965 US PGA champion and the man Lisbeat 3 and 1 in last year's final. If Stricker appears the easier choice, then think again. He won all his matches for the United States in the Dunhill Cup last week

Stricker could easily be one of those golfers described as my bahy-faced chicken kill-

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ers" by Dave Marr when he captained the United States in the 1981 Ryder Cup at Walton Heath. Chief of these was Larry Nelson, who won every match he played. Stricker fits comfortably into that category of Marr's for the way he looks 10, rather than 29, and the ruthless manner in which he defeated his five opponents last week. His last round, against Grant Waite, of New Zeuland, in Sunday afternoon's final, was his lowest of

the week, a 67. Mark O'Meara and Phil Mickelson, Stricker's victoridrews, face Nobuo Serizawa, of Japan. and Vijay Singh, of Fiji. respectively. If O'Meara defeats Serizawa, he will meet Tom Lehman, the reigning Open champion If Mickelson heats Singh, he will find Steve lones, the US Open champion, wasting

Half the 12-man field is American, which suggests that one of them has a strong chance of becaming only the second man from the United States to win this title in the past if years. O'Meara, 39, sees no difficulty in switching from being team-mates to opponents. We're very competitive and we all want to win." he said. "If we meet, we will go out hard and play hard but, at the end of the day, we will shake hands and respect one another. This is what golf is all about. Sometimes it can get out of line. We don't want that to happen and I hope the media does not let that The last part of this state-

ment was a thinly veiled reference to the row between Mickelson and Jarmo Sandelin in the Dunhill Cup semi-final against Sweden. On the 12th tee. Mickelson, who was losing to Sandelin, criticised the Swede for not showing enough sportsmanship. It not clear why O'Meara thinks the media has anything to do with such a confrontation, unless he is making the sportsman's usual excuse of blaming the media for exaggerating the issue.

As if they have not seen enough of one another all season as they fought to win the European Order of Merit, Ian Woosnam will play Colin Montgomerie in the first round. The winner will meet Mark Brooks, the US PGA champion. on Friday. After Montgomerie made

sure of winning the money title for a fourth consecutive year in Germany two weeks ago, Woosnam took last week off to rest his back. Whether he is lit enough to cope with Montgomerie over 36 holes be said that Montgomerie was hardly at his sparkling best in Scotland. He lost all his matches.



John Cordall attempts to hack out of the rough on the 10th at Breadsall Priory but his team, J Howitt, finished down the field, collecting 80 points

Jaguar make their point in record fashion Keith Boyes (24), started at the

By MEL WEBB

A SMALL piece of history in The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge was enacted at Breadsall Priory Golf & Country Club yester day when the record score for a regional final in the competition was picked up, shaken about a bit then smashed into thousands of small pieces. The North Midlands com-

petition, the fourth in the 12-event regional final series, brought victory for the Jaguar Centre (Hull) with a remark-able score of 104 Stableford points, ten better than their nearest rivals, Brownhills Glass, with Professional Systems Personnel third on countback. The winning total beat by

five the previous best, estab-Sussex building firm, in win-ning their regional final at Mannings Heath last year. Duly encouraged by their

performance in their home county, Hall and Coaker went on to win the national final for the second time in three vears - the omens are good for the men from Jaguar. Consistency is usually the

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byword for success in this competition, and it was so again on this day, but never has a team scored so solidly high throughout a round. The explanation? It came from David Borrill, the man-

aging director of the Jaguar dealership. "We hold our company golf day at Hornsea, which is a good 1,000 yards longer than here, and we knew that if we drove and putted well, we would have half a chance of putting up a good score," he said. "Luckily for us, we had a

superb day off the tee. We were co greens with anything from eight-iron to wedge, and hit-ting it close, too. The greens were in perfect condition, and



there was no excuse for no putting well on them. If you put yourself on the right place off the tee, then hit the ball into the green on the right side of the hole, you always had a chance of birdie. "Having said that, we were

totally surprised to have scored so well. We all played well below our handicaps, and if somebody had asked us what we might have scored. would be anything like this." The team, made up of Borrill (14 handicap), Bryan Calam (12). Mike Betts (9) and one of the toughest holes on the course. It was the high spot of their

impact when they scored seven points on that opening round, even in the context of hole. Calam got up and down the excellence that surroundfrom a greenside bunker and ed it. Calam chipped and Borrill punched an eight-iron putted for a net three and four in very close - the yield was a points and Betts followed him in for a similar score. Another seven-point haul

The Priory course, undulating and a test for most, is not a lay-out with which liberties can lightly be taken. Most tried on this day, and most failed. For the men from Hull, though, it was to prove a piece of cake.

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Henman on course to clash with Rusedski

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TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski are on course to meet in the second round of the Czech indoor tournament in Ostrava this week. Henmun testerday overpowered Nicklas Kulti, of Sweden, 7-9. 6-4 in his first-round match and, if Rusedski beats George-Bastl, a qualifier from Switzerland, tomorrow, he will play the British No.1 for the first time in almost a year.

The last time they met in competition was the final (.) the British national championships in Telford last November when Henman wen len 0-3, ts-2. At that time, Rusedski was the British Nort and expected to win. Should the pair meet again now, though, Henman, ranked 30th in the world and the No 7 seed for the Czech event, would start favourue.

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However, Rusedski, whose world ranking slumped from an all-time high of 33 in January to 84 two weeks ago, has been in outstanding form during the past fortnight. He began his recovery by reaching the semi-final of the Heineken Classic in Singapore ten days ago, a performance which saw his ranking improve nine places to 75.

He then won his first ATP Tour event since changing his allegiance from Canada to Britain last year when he beat Martin Damm, of the Czech Republic, in the final of the Beijing Open on Sunday. As a result, his ranking had soured a further 22 places to 53 when the latest list was issued yesterday.

Henman, who remains at No 26, rested last week because of foot blisters but he showed no signs of being still troubled by them in his match against Kulti yesterday. Early on, both players took advantage of the fast carpet court, hitting service winner after service winner to force the first set into a tie-break, which Henman won 7-3.

Kulti had his chances early. in the second set but the Briton broke his opponent in the fifth game and swept home. "It was a tough match but I think I should have taken the first set before the tie-break," Henman said. "He fought back well but I felt more comfortable in the second set. I enjoy playing a tough match right from the start - it focuses you very quickly."

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three points and Betts was in

the hole for a net eagle and

The team were on 51 points

at the turn and thought they

were doing pretty well, then

coming home in 53. They scored seven points on both

the 3rd and 5th — each time.

Betts and Calam were again

the heroes — then surpassed themselves with an eight-point score on the par-five 7th,

This is a problem set by Danny Roth in the entertaining and instructive magazine Bridge Plus. After North opens One Club, North-South end in Four Spades. Can you guarantee the contract after West leads the ace of spades and continues with a second one, East discarding a heart? The problem's title. "Up the Garden Path", may give you a clue. Try it looking only at the North-South cards. Game all

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, RRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Dealer North

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Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ace of spe Bridge Plus Diary is just out,

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The solution is to win the second spade in dummy, play the king of hearts to the ace and ruff a heart. Then you play a club from dummy towards your jack. It doesn't matter which defender wins the trick. Whatever minor he returns sets up your tenth trick, and a ruff and discard gives you the tenth trick immediately.

That singleton king of hearts may have led you up the garden path. If you attempt to eliminate hearts by cashing the king and then coming to hand with a trump to cash the ace, you are in the wrong hand to start the clubs. Had North's heart been a small singleton you wouldn't have had the distraction. Bridge Plus: 01822 833080.

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along with a good range of bridge-related greetings cards. It is often difficult to get bridge books in general bookshops. Three specialist sources are: Chess and Bridge, telephone 0171-388 2404; Mr Bridge, 01483 489961; IPBM Bookshop, 0115-942 2615.

The prestigious Lederer Memorial Trophy was staged by the London County Bridge Association at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club over the weekend. Convincing winners were the London representatives: David Prize, Peter Czerniewski, Głyn Liggins. Joe Fawcett, Brian Callaghan and David Burn. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

NYCTOPHONIAC a. Killing by night b. The fruit bat c. Barking by night

DEBLATERATE a. One-sided b. To babble

c. To destruy utterly

BAVARDAGE a. Inane chat b. The champagne process c. The Age of Troubadours

a. Living in a bog b. Hungry c. Sluglike

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Answers on page 50

KEENE on CHESS

Bxb8 Bl3

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT Tilburg

The powerful Fontys chess

tournament is now in progress in the Dutch town of Tilburg. After two rounds, grandmaster Alexei Shirov, formerly of Larvia, but now of Spain, leads with a 100 per cent score. while Britain's sole representative, grandmaster Michael Adams shares last place in the 12-player field with 12. Karpov surprised

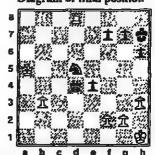
Fide champion, Anatoly Karpov suffered a surprise loss in the first round when he was caught unawares in the opening by a shock pawn sacrifice from the young Hungarian Zoltan Almasi. After White's 17th move, Bf3, White exerts enormous pressure. after which Karpov could not avoid material loss. White: Zoltan Almasi

Black: Anatoly Karpov Tilburg, October 1996

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Diagram of final position



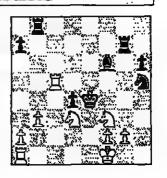
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Chandler — Littlewood. European Cup, London 1996. Here Black has tried to compensate for his pawn deficit by activating his king — a double-edged strategy. How did White now swiftly close the net around the unfortunate

Solution on page 50



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POOLS FORECAST

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HOMES: Arsenal, Hudder held, Oldnern, Wolves, Luton Cambridge, Dailington, Opnicaster, Airdine, St Mirren

☐ Vince Wright

SCOTTISH FIRST

Ready and waiting for the lights to change



Andrew Longmore on

a driver whose short

cut to the top became a long and winding road

face the demons in , their sport at some stage of their careers. Rarely does the confrontation occur as starkly or as prematurely as it did for Allan McNish.

McNish was just 20 when his Formula 3000 Lola collided with the Jordan of Emanuele Naspetti and cartwheeled into the crowd in the early laps of the Gold Cup at Donington Park. A week later. bruised and confused, the Scotsman hailed as the next Jackie Stewart attended the funeral of the spectator who was killed in the accident.

Not even sitting at the wheel of a racing car for the first time a month later — and winning the race - required the sort of courage McNish showed that day. "I just thought it was the right thing to do," he said.

Though the process was long and painful. McNish has rationalised the events of April 23, 1990. He cannot really tell you how or exactly where in his mind the images now lie. It is just part of him, part of his story and his life.

"I don't think anyone could go through an event like that and not change, not have their understandings, their life changed in some way and, to be honest, I don't think it would have made any difference whether I was 20, 25 or 55. I had to understand things that some people, thankfully, never have to look at in their lives," he said.

"I can never forget what happened, I don't think anyone should ever forget. You can't just say: 'It hasn't happened' and decompartmental-ise it. It was something I didn't understand and I had to think very hard to try to understand

McNish's success in coming



McNish can still contemplate a bright future for himself in Formula One, should the right opportunity come along

to terms with tragedy is there for all to see. He talks with dignity and eloquence about the accident, never dropping into cliché or self-pity.

If his mind is older than its 26 years, his face is as young and chipper as when he first gave notice of his talent in Formula Ford nine years ago. British kart champion three times, he won the Vauxhall Lotus series, finished second in the Formula Three championship and was showered with young driver awards. Delightfully, nearly a decade on, he still describes himself as 'up and coming".

In a sport where the past tense is invoked with indecent haste, McNish has been up and coming since the day he put on his Marlboro world championship team overalls and took what seemed like the short cut to the summit of Formula One. It has proved a long and winding road and no

end is yet in sight. Marlboro withdrew sponsorship from their development team. McNish found drives and money hard to come by and his accident knocked some of the stuffing out of his youthful ambitions. Worse, the trum-

peted claims became stage whispers. The next Jackie Stewart became the next shooting star, not as good as people thought.

McNish admits that his early progress had been easy, too easy perhaps. He never



The fatal collision in which McNish was involved

had to hustle for a drive. He knocked on doors instead of putting his foot in and leaving it there. Somehow the drives that his talent deserved never came his way and David Coulthard, a fellow Scot and regular rival, leapfrogged over him into a seat at Williams.

"All the hype really flowed over my shoulders at the time." McNish said. "I didn't think about it much because I was enjoying my racing too much. I wanted to be in Formula One, still do if the opportunity comes along.

"Formula One has a shorter memory than the public. It's frustrating at times because I could do a stronger job than some drivers on the grid right now, never having raced in Formula One. But it's difficult to try to change the system."

Unless, of course, you have a few million pounds in your back pocket. Brought up in Dumfries, where his father

owns the local BMW franchise. McNish had a comfortable upbringing, but driving was still his living not some expensive hobby. Ironically, McNish has

covered more miles in a Formula One car than most on the grid, testing for McLaren and Benetton. But, unlike Coulthard, or the new world champion, Damon Hill, both Williams test drivers, the dice have yet to fall his way. So where did it all go wrong?

"I wouldn't say it's all gone wrong," he said, picking his words carefully. "It's not all gone right because drivers I've competed against successfully are in Formula One and I'm not I don't think I'm a spent force. If I was 36, I'd have to agree that it didn't quite happen for me, but there's a lot

out there yet to do.

"At 26, I have got a better understanding of Formula One, of IndyCar racing, of the way life works. I think experience of life helped Damon when he got his chance and it would be the same with me. When I was younger, I was driving on automatic pilot. I happened to be quicker than others, but it just came naturally. I've got more experience now, more technical knowledge and can make better use of the raw speed."

f that sounded like a job plea, no one could blame McNish, who has had tentative offers from Formula One teams but nothing competitive. He is looking to unther his career in IndyCar racing, where opportunities abound. He is testing in the United States this week. Two successful years across the Atlantic, then back into a competitive Stewart team. The next Jackie Stewart driving for the last one. That would complete a neat circle.

"A lot of people have said recently that I am due a break. But I don't think anyone is owed anything," McNish said.
"Certainly, things have not run for me as well as they could have done, but if I was forced to give up tomorrow I would still be proud of my speed and my ability. I would just be a little disappointed I hadn't been able to show them off in the way I feit I could."

TOMORROW

Three years ago, he was a junior tennis champion. Today, he is a student

The Storm's success was

especially sweet for Hilton

Ruggles, a former Cardiff

player, who scored two goals, and the Storm manager-

coach. John Lawless, who held

the same position with the

and one early in the second

gave the Storm a 3-0 lead that

they managed to preserve

despite lierce Cardiff pressure.

ously unbeaten in 11 league

and cup games, found them-selves 5-1 behind early in the

third period against Bracknell

Bees, another team seeking

their first Superleague suc-

cess. They did pull back to 5-3,

but a late goal by Chris Brant

preserved Bracknell's advan-

weekend away from Super-

league action as they hosted

group C of the European Cup.

They won all three of their

games easily but their coach.

Alex Dampier, made it clear

that it was not necessarily

valid preparation for the next

round, in Finland next month.

which would be a big step up

Sheffield Steelers had a

Ayr Scottish Eagles, previ-

Two goals in the first period

Devils until two years ago.

RADIO CHOICE

No longer the weaker sex

Gosling en España. Radio 4 (FM) 10.00am.

Biologically, Ray Gosling has to own up to being weaker than a woman in the second of his reports on contemporary Spanish life. "Are you ready to have a baby?" he is asked by Enrique, a bachelor, "Are you ready to have a baby?" he is asked by Enrique, a bachelor, who does all the washing, ironing and cooking, "No," confesses who does all the washing, ironing and cooking, who implies that Gosling, strangely nonplussed. It is not the only time he implies that the ground is not firm under his own British feet. Told that machismo to longer exists in Spain and that consequently men are locing their no longer exists in Spain and that consequently men are losing their sense of security, he comments, rhetorically: "aren't men, everywhere?" His only visual evidence that Spain's former weaker sex now enjoys equal rights is the woman he sees pawing a man in a Madrid park.

Opportunity Knocked, Radio 2, 9.00pm.

Su Pollard, the comedy actress who links this feature about television and radio talent contests, says she once lost out to a singing dog whose master made it perform by doing something that nice people don't talk about. She would have come out on top if there had been a prize for the highest town-crier decibel levels. The talent shows analysed tonight are Opportunity Knocks and New Faces, in which a jury sometimes humiliated a contextant in full view of the camera. Harry, a comedian/actor/writer, is clearly exaggerating when he Harry, a comedian/actor/writer, is clearly exaggerating when he says he was literally crucified by one of the producers of New

Peter Davalle 1

RADIO 1

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6.00am Martin Kelner 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Vincent Harns 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Chris Sene 7.00 Hayes Over Bratin 9.30 The Bephart Man (8/8) 9.00 Opportunity Knocked. Ses Choice 10.00 The Sexton's Tales (3/6) 10.30 The Jamesons 12,05am Sleve Madden, Incl 1.30 Pause for Thought 1.00 Alex Less

RADIO 5 LIVE

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WORLD SERVICE

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(Authority); stratuss (Horn Concerto No 1) Musical Encounters. Includes Copland (Symphony No 1); Pagenini (Gutter Quartet in C, Op 4 No 2); . Bech (Quartet No 1 in Di Composer of the Week: Franck, Grand Piece

symphonique, 2nd mvt, orch Stokowski; Panis Angelicus 1.00pm News; Ulster Orchestre, under Nicholas Bratthwalte, Paul Barrit, violin. Berwald, compl Castegren (Symphony No 2, Sinfonie Capriciouse); Luthelawski (Zhein 2).

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Beethoven (Sonata in D. Op 10 No 3) (r) 3.20 Italian Songs. Beethoven's Four Ariettas, Op 82 and Mozari's Ridente la calma,

3.35 Out of the Air. Lady Antonia Fraser remembers listening to the Proms with her lamily around the kitchen table National Orchestra & ESC
National Orchestra of Wales
performs Tchalkovsky (Piano
Concerto No 3 in E flat) and
Ledenyov (Symphony in
Simple Modes)
5.00 Music Mechine. Tommy
Pearson talks to Lynn Fletcher

of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, and to Paul Spicer, director of the Finzl Singers, about the Importance of singing in tune 5.15 in Tune. Sean Reflerly takes to Timothy Allen and Donal Doherty, co-artistic directors of the two Cathedrals Festive

In Londonderry 7,30 Pebble Mill. Live from Birmingham. Valdine Anderson, sopreno and Thomas Ades, piano, perform songs by Samuel Feinberg, Nikolai lavels and Arthur Loure and Gyorgy Kurtag's Req-ulem for the Beloved

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8.06 Readings from the Archives.
Etzabeth Bowen reads from
her novel Two Little Girls
8.26 Concert, part 2. Solo plano
music by Russian composer
Alexal Stanchinsky and by his
contemporary Stravinsky,
including some unpublished
sarly ministures
9.20 Five Poems for 30 Years:
Ultrasound. The Scottish
poet Kathleen Jamie charts

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her pregnancy and the brith of her first child

9.40 The BBC Orchestrae. BBC Philhamonic, under Vasali Sinarsky With Howard Shesley, pieno, performs Szymanowski's Symphony No 4 and Symphony No 2

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles reads Christopher Isherwood's account of file in America from his diaries and previews ART, a new play with Albert Finney, Torn Courtenay and Ken Stort

11.30 Composer of the Week 12.30am Jazz Notes. From

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12.00 News; You and Yours
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2.00 News; Books and
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Poter Kemp consider the music and blessyles of the Shauss lamby The most lamous of them Johann it remains the most successful and popular composer of 19th-century light music
3.00 The Afternoon Shift. Daire Brehan talks to Tom and Jea

Bretian talks to Tom and Jean Sutherland about Tom a abduction in 1985 by Islamic

Jitud
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
As the American
Independents Festival opens
on the London South Bank
Paul Vaughart talks to one of
the leatured composers.

RADIO 4 Michael Daugherty, about his latest work, Metropoks

S) mphony. Plus a debut collection of short stories set by Junot Diaz

4.45 Short Story: Badger's Snatch, by David Goodland Read by Terry Molloy

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England's Glory, Final episode of Janey Preger's cornedy With Keith Barron and Lynda Baron (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4, presented by Lesley Curwen
6.00 Science Now. What effect does a partial eclipse of the Sun have on people and animals" Peter Evans investigates (r)

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8.30 The Network. There is a lot
of concern about the wong
sort of information being
found on the Internet. This

week Alun Lewis asks did is possible to censor in Touch. News, news and information for visually impaired people 9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Woather

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11.00 Medlumwave, with Vincent
Hanna (1)
11.30 A Picture of Helen (FM).
The story of how a scung out
traced his birth mother (1)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late
Book. Primary Colors. Read
by Clarke Peters (2.10)
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ICE HOCKEY

Panthers take action over injury to Olsen

BY NORMAN DE MESOUITA

OFFICIALS at Nottingham Panthers, angry at the allegedly strongarm tactics adopted by Cardiff Devils in their Superleague encounter on Saturday, yesterday took the unusual step of sending a video of the match to the league's disciplinary body.

The Midlands team were particulary concerned about an incident in which Darryl Olsen, their Canadian defenceman, was apparently struck from behind and had to be revived by Jack Hardcastle, the Panthers' president. Olsen was unable to train yesterday.

"We hope they (the Super-league take the necessary action. They have the power to award supplementary pen-A total of 145 minutes of

A Panthers spokesman said:

disciplinary penalties were handed out during the match in Nottingham, which the Devils won 7-3. The Devils were unable to

maintain their winning form on Sunday, however, going down to a 3-2 home defeat as Manchester Storm recorded their first win in the Superleague.

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NYCTOPHONIAC (c) Able to give voice only by night, in contradistinction to the dog that did nothing in the night in Sherlock Holmes's Silver Blaze. From the Greek nux. nucl- night * phone a voice. Applicable to the neighbourhood dog that remains miraculously silent all day but becomes remarkable voluble after midnight.

WORD-WATCHING

(b) To babble. "Right — no more apologies? The minutes of the previous meeting agreed? Okay, then, should we move on to Agenda Item One? And let the deblateration begin." BAVARDAGE

(a) Foolish or empty chatter, of the sort that is broadcast interminably and non-stop on radio phone-ins and television chat shows. This constant polluting miasma of bavardage cannot be good for the intellectual or psychic health of the nation. Bavardage attracts the adjective mere, in contradistinction to words such as balderdash or poppycock also the specialities of television personalities. These attract the adjective absolute.

LIMACEOUS (e) Sluglike, pertaining to or connected with slugs. Take that And in future keep your hands to yourself you limaceous

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SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES

6.00am They All Laughed (1981) (56950)
8.00 Taras Bubba (1962) (4290912) 10.05
Secred Ground (1963) (953486) 12.00
One on One (1977) (223335) 2.00am
The Letter (1981) (64318 4.00 Destination Moon (1950) (3318) 6.00 Manhaltan from Moon (1953) (3318) 6.00 Manhaltan from Moon (1953) (331867) 12.05am
The Mangler (1994) (5593) (1.00am)
The Mangler (1994) (5618) 3.20 Where the Day Takes You (1992) (61706429)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Animal crackers and beastly behaviour registed by her reachers last night as of the evening, when his owner appalling, and whose attempts lisa cooldn't alford his operation. look like when it has lodged in the intertnes of to theer a kitten left the poor a pupper Well, fans of the crittursmewling creature with a neck full in-splints genre asold tell you. because Vets' School started last of holes' Would her examiners fail night on BBCl, and it's just a her? Ever since the infamous sacking of the Covent Garden box wonder nobody thought of it before, Formula-wise, Vers School

office manager in The House, viewers have comfortably watched beutal assessments behind closed doors - in this case, ruthlessly interest with a confident Trude showing snaps of her family in Norway, all rooting for her from the fjords in funny knitted hats. I watched Trude with an unusual detachment. Should we must for Trude to ? Or do we perhaps value kittens' necks too much? Only time

Meanwhile there were lots of animal stories too, including guinca pips called Robson and Jerome. Heidi the golden retriever slipped fast into a my sterious coma, while the puppy with the cassette tape evoked the best projectile weeping

and hugged him close with big tears rolling off her nose. Regular readers may remember that during the wildlife vets' series Back to the Wild, I commended a little game "Spot the Stiff", to be played each week. Unusually callons, I admit, but on the other hand these programmes are quite cynically calculated to induce tears and cheers -- so it's just a bit of bravado to combat the manipulation. The stiff this week was the old blind rabbu, and it was awful.

hannel 4's Cutting Edge was Family Feads, which I assumed in my innocence would tell true-life stories of silly people no longer speaking to each other because they didn't get equal shures in a Georgian silver teapot. Well, how wrong can you be? Georgian vilver teapots were nowhere to be seen in this litary of



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vicious mental cruelty and physical hurt. One couple suffered months of persistent phone calls and horses - a campaign waged by a disgrantled sister, who ordered pizzas, taxis and removal men at any time of the day or night. This sister, now in prison. was unseen, but it was easy to picture her: sitting on the stairs with phone and ashtray at her elbow and the Yellow Pages lying

open and doe-cared in her lan-Worst of all was the last story, of much father and sun Ken and South from Solford - a story so-Unpleasure and unprecidented on telly that it was tempting to hape it was all made up. It began with pury-tailed her showing us a picture of hairy Scan in his inculator. If I'd known what he was going to do," said Ken with passion. To have sauthered the little bastard." What had Sean done? Had he turned to the had? Sold drugs, perhaps? A few such ideas fifted through one's head before Scan told us that his dad had actually out out a contract on him. Ken tald as he would certain-Is kill Sean himself, if he got the chance -- battere Sean was a police informer against the Firm. and had transgressed "everything I believed in ".

Combateng the moral vertical wasn't easy. Here was a story without tears or cheers, with no place for normal sentiment. Oments seemed to be the issue, only these people weren't Sicilian. In the word old days before the rift Sean had made a video of a police informer having his head heaten to a main and Ken showed us that statement if it were a pair of habishoes, so that we could share his feelings of loss. At which point I ust the struggle with moral terriun, and blacked out

R ack with the truly bestial, the three-part drama Wilderness (IIV) finished last night with the best possible outcome to senseless blood-letting, happy well laping through remotewasds madequate Welsh hayfranci silted, and broken-down psychronalyst certified and medicaled. Ha ha ha Apart from the terrible theme music (reminiscent of Tales of the Unexpected). Wildemess was a great success, intelligent and suspenseful, and

wolf behaving like an Andrey puppy are simply asking too much Usually I warn dissenters. "Just imagine if Carlton had made it!" which shuts them up. But in this case Carlton did make it, so it doesn't have the impact. Meanwhile Amanda Coms, with her eves always wer and questioning. and hair on end like Gary Rhodes. has single-handedly revived the figure of the enfant saucage - and

we hadn't even noticed it had gone. Finally, back in the realm of the resolutely human, the last Mastermind of the series (BBC1) gave the triphy to Richard Sturch, a parish priest in nice sandals who answered questions on Gilbert and Sullivan. In the context of so much rough stuff, it was a little piece of heaven. Ask this nice old gent why someone would call their guinea pies Robson and Jerome and he wouldn't know. Well, bless him for

6.00am BUSINESS BREAKFAST (53950) 7.00 BREAKFAST NEWS Codes 9.00 BREAKFAST NEWS EXTRA Carrant

is an excellent hybrid for popular

television; follow the tribulations

of nervous students (some will

fail!); weep for sick puppies and old

blind rabbits as music

finkles; thrill to gut surgery in

close-up. All it needs additionally

is a voice-over from Michael

Buerk, and some brave men of the

emergency services, and ir could be

Unintentional comedy is the

surprise bonus in Vets' School,

supplied by a Norwegian student

called Trude — a young woman of

knock-down prettiness and long

blonde plaits, whose academic

knowledge was cheerfully charac-

on tells 24 hours a day.

9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (\$1-2346979) 9.45 10,30 CAN'T COOK, WON'T COOK 151

11.00 NEWS and weather (6750979) 11.05 THE REALLY USEFUL SHOW

11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (1739467)

12.00 NEWS and weather (Ceetax) (7382370) 12.05 THE FLYING DOCTORS. A new sanes of medical adven-tures from Cooper's Crossing (8769370)

12.50pm FANCY THATI (65851399) 1.00 NEWS and weather (Ceelax) (54080) 1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (57295283) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (Ceetax) (s) (44252405) 2.00 CALL MY BLUFF (s) (2283) 2.30 THE TERRACE (s) (115) 3.00

INCOGNITO (a) (1318) 3.30 BRUM 3.40 ROMUALD THE REINDEER (6919863) 3.50 POPEYE (r) (Ceetax) (2208775) 4.10 OSCAR'S ORCHESTRA (Ceetax)

(s) (6966283) 4.35 THE QUEEN'S

NOSE (r) (Ceelax) (s) (7684496) 5.00 NEWSROUND (2246979) 5.10 BYKER GROVE. Anna and Flora try to solve another crime (Ceelax) (s)

5.35 NEIGHBOURS. Karl and Susan go wild in the country (r) (Ceefax) (s) (667486)

6.00 NEWS and weather (Caefax) (844) **6.30 REGIONAL NEWS** (196) 7.00 HOLIDAY. Jill Dando stays with America's most glamorous holiday-makers at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach, Florids. Kathy Tayler finds a way to spend a weekend at Disneyland Paris

for less than £50 per person (Ceelax) (a)

wedding day nerves. Berry is questioned by Phil and Grant and Cindy plans her

future (Ceelax) (s) (680) 8.00 SPORTSNIGHT. Live coverage of the tirst leg of the Uela Cup second round tie between Ferencyaros of Hungary and Newcastle United. Newcastle's trophy was in this competition in 1969 and they are looking to repeat that success. Introduced by Desmond Lynam, with Alan Hansen (s) (98278979) 9.55 NEWS, REGIONAL NEWS and weather

(825660)10.25 INSIDE STORY: Karzan's Brothers. A of Karzan Krekar, living in Britain with his wife and child, to rescue the remainder of his family, trapped in a sale haven in northern Iran. Hidden cameras chart his progress (s) (9411931)

11.30 FILM: LE MANS (1971). Filmed in a documentary style. An American racing driver's bid to beat his German rival in the gruefling 24-hour race at Le Mans With Steve McQueen, Siegtried Rauch, Elga Andersen and Ronald Leigh-Hunt. Directed by Lee H. Katzına (182221) 1.25am WEATHER (2814332)

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6.00em OPEN UNIVERSITY: Duocio: the Rucellel Madorma (73,0038) 6.25 The Palazzo Publico, Siena (7382863) 6.50 Spanish Chapel, Florence (9940660) 7.15 SEE MEAR BREAKFAST NEWS

7.30 ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS 4584009) 7.55 BLUE PETER IN (Ceefax) (s) (8643486) 8.20 FIREMAN

SAM (r) (1378592) 8.38 THE RECORD (c) (8093660) 9.20 THE RE COLLECTION (2337221) 9.45 WATCH (1788573) 10.00 PLAYDAYS (45844) 10.30 COME OUTSIDE (1826844) 10.45 TEACHING TODAY (721912) 11.15 CLEMENTINE (9442009) 11.30 GNVQ TV (1399) 12.00 SEE HEAR! (42660) 12,30pm WORKING LUNCH (70931) 1.00 TEACHING TODAY (85950) 1.30

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(Ccelax) (8286202) 4.00 TODAY'S THE DAY (6) (739) 4.30 READY, STEADY, COOK (5) (221) 5.00 THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW IS (9102028) 5.40 A WEEK TO

REMEMBER (b/w) (472405) 5.50 LIFELINE (r) 8.00 FRESH PRINCE OF BEL AIR (1) (8)

6.25 HEARTBREAK HIGH (Coefax) (s) (541486) 7.10 THE O-ZONE (r) (s) (212931) 7.30 WE ARE NOT AMUSED (1) (950)

8.00 POUND FOR POUND explores ethical RUSO ANTIONIO CARLUCCIO'S ITALIAN FEAST: Venice. Carluccio savours the



The tragedy at Abertan (9.00p)

9.00 CHOICE TIMEWATCH: REMEMBER ABERFAN (Cselex) (s) (192221)

9.50 TRADE SECRETS, Housekeepers share their cleaning secrets (r) (Ceefax) (s) (718931)10.00 HANCOCK: The East Cheam

Centenary. After nominating himself to organise the festivities, Hancock hits upon several money-making ideas (b/w) (r) (Ceetax) (50689) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (Ceefax) (731115)

11.15 OVER THE EDGE Harriet Gaze investigates the Outsiders Club, which exists to provide sexual contact for disabled people (Ceelax) (s) (707318) 11.50 HOLIDAY OUTINGS (r) (661955) 12.00 THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (45808)

12.30 am-6,00 THE LEARNING ZONE

Citizen's Acres

lan Hay, a Devon farmer, was shot dead by lan Hay, a Devon farmer, was shot dead by police outside his house. He was brandishing a gun and had previously fired at a tractor trailer and into the local pub. The inquest jury decided that Hay had been lawfully killed. But Danni Hay, his sixer, believes that the full truth has not yet emerged, and that her brother was more depressed than dangerous. She is critical of the way the rulies operation was handled. the way the police operation was handled This is all heartfelt and provocative stuff and the film follows the latest stage in her three year campaign to have the matter looked at again. But since the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall declines to be interviewed, this programme, at least, cannot take things any further. Television is clearly not as powerful as this series would like to suggest.

Timewatele Remember Aberlan BBC2, 9.00mm

One of our best documentary film-makers Catrine Clay, has returned to the Welsh village of Aberfan 30 years after the tragedy which left the children and 28 adults dead, and collected the memories of survivors. The terrible events are still so fresh in the mind that these people might be talking about something that happened yesterday. The sturry from a coaltip which came rushing down the valley to smash into the village school and devastate many of the houses is a nightmare that will never tade. Villagers also recall the bitter aftermath, as both the National Coal Board and the colliery management tried to shift responsibility. And there is resentment that the disast fund was used to pay for the removal of the tips. This is a deeply moving film, assembled with quiet sympathy and unobtrusive skill.

Witness Manhanter Channel 4, 9,00pm

Rabbi Yehuda Gordon has an unusual job which can only be explained by reference to Jewish divorce laws, if a couple want to end their marriage, the husband's consent is essential. If he withholds it, as many do, the vile cannot remarry or have childre the Jewish religion. Some wives wait ten or men are free to marry again and start second families. Western feminism has not yet pene-trated as far as Israel. Rabbi Gordon, who is employed by the Rabbinical Court which rants divorces, tries to persuade husbands of broken marriages to agree to a divorce. He is a patient and good-humoured negotiator whose work takes him well beyond his own country. His territory includes the former Soviet Union and the film follows him to

Network First: The Connection

TTV, 10.40pm A film about the Colombian heroin trade has two overlapping components. The first is an impressively detailed account, the product of clandestine interviews and hidden cameras, of the passage of the drugs from their origin in the poppy fields of South America to dealers on the streets of British cities. Central to the chain is the "mule", who flies from Bogotá to London with the heroin concealed in oU packets in his stomsch. No wonder he cannot eat anything on route. It is chilling to learn that a substance costing \$100 to produce sells in Britain for \$50,000. The other, more contentious, part of the pro-gramme suggests that with the criminal ustice system unable to touch the cartels the only way to smash them may be to make heroin legal. Among the unlikely supporters of the idea is the freemarket economist Professor Milton Friedman. Peter Waymark

(27618090) 2.50 VANESSA (Tolered) (5) (9734914) 3.20 NEWS (Teleteon 15333844) 3.25 HTV WEST HEADLINES (5332115) 3.30 POTAMUS PARK (9584202) 3.40 WIZADORA (6904931) 3.50 HOT ROD

HTY

9.25 SUPERMARKET SWEEP

10.00 THE TIME ... THE PLACE 11. (\$2370)

12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (3038115: 1.25

(27639573) 2.25 QUISINE (Teletext) (3)

HIGH ROAD (Teletert) (6073:52: 2.00 HOME AND AWAY (Teletert)

6.00am GMTV (744.3405)

9.55 REGIONAL NEWS STUTES.

10.35 THIS MORNING (S) (27423313)

12.20pm REGIONAL NEWS (7388254)

12.30 NEWS (Teletext) (2020196)

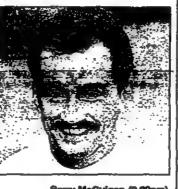
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DOGS (9595318) 4.06 GARFIELD AND FRIENDS (4549080) 4.15 HEY (Taletext) (s) (8115738) 5.10 WHAT'S MY LINE? (8139660)

5.40 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (450283) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (Teletext) (s) (912) **8.30 REGIONAL NEWS** (592) 7.00 EMMEROALE. Frank ignores the outcry

over the quarry development (8467) 7.30 THE WOODWARD FILE. Edward Woodward takes a searching look at the countryside of today, including a visit to the home of former Formula One World Champion Nigel Mansell (r) (776)

8.00 THE BILL. A robbery investigation looks certain to reveal Beach's debt to a Booke (Teletext) (7115)



8.30 ODDBALLS. Earnonn Holmes takes a lighthearted trip through the sporting world, highlighting some of the pitial the and women, Tonight's guests are Barry McGuigan, Geolf Hurst, Ken Wols tenholme and Dermot (Father Ted) Morgan (Teletext) (s) (9950)

9.00 SOLDIER, SOLDIER. Army cuts force Forester to make a moral decision. A career opportunity for Angela causes fraction with Chris (Teletext) (s) (8931) 10.00 NEWS and weather (Teletext) (47) 15) 10.30 REGIONAL NEWS (956047)

10.40 CHOICE NETWORK FIRST: The Connection. Following the heroin trail from the poppy fields of Colombia to the streets of Britain (Teletext (931028) 11.40 CANVAS. Arts discussion programme

with Paul Gough (919776) 12.10mm ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (7579239) 12.40 NATIONWIDE FOOT-BALL LEAGUE EXTRA (1936210) 1.25 FILM: Miracle Landing (964852) 3.05 LATE and LOUD (2058887) 4.05 THE CHART SHOW (4414968) 5,00 ON THE EDGE (42852) 5,30 NEWS (33061)

HIV WALES 5.10pm-5.40 BAGDAD CAFE (\$159660) 6.25-7.00 WALES TONIGHT #21124-

7,30-8,00 INQUISITION .7761 11.40 ALICE (\$19775)

WESTCOUNTRY

AS HTV WEST EXCEPT: 12.55 EMMERDALE (3035:15) 1.25-1.55 QUISINE -71339365

7.30-8.00 TREASURES (776)

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11.40 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (774080)

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2.50-3.20 FROM THE GROUND 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (8139680) 6.25-7.00 CENTRAL NEWS (821134) 7.30-8.00 RELATIVE VALUES (776)

11.40 CENTRAL SPORTS SPECIAL (774080) 12.40em FILM: White Hot (988351) 2.25 LATE & LOUD (7557055) 3.20 RECOLLECTIONS (16741326)

4.30 ITV SPORT CLASSICS (15383429) 4.35 JOSFINDER (5207582)

5.20 ASIAN EYE (5285142) MERIDIAN AS HTV WEST EXCEPT: 12.55pm QUISINE (3038115)

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7.30-8.00 SERVE YOU RIGHT LIVE (776)

11.40 PRISONER CELL BLOCK H (774080)

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1.00 SLOT MEITHRIN (87318) 1.30 FILM: We'll Meet Again (88506370) 3.05 FRESH POP (1516979) 3.15 RICKI LAKE (9679931) 4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (405) 4.30 DESIRE (689)

5.00 5 PUMP (9573) 6.05 HENO (641009)

6.35 JACPOT (823776) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (934641) 7.25 TRIO'R TEULU (109844) 8.00 STORI FAWR (5757) 8.30 NEWYDDION (7592) 9.00 CODI CLAWR HANES (8202) 11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE (919824)

1.30 DIWEDD (163871) 4.00 YSGOLION (8101871)

12.30am CANTERBURY TALES (67790)

CHANNEL 4.

6.35 am ADVENTURES IN ODYSSEY 77931 9.00 HERE'S ONE 1 MADE EARLIER, Baton and lentil soup, leak and mustard p.e. chacalate biswines (57592)

9.30 SCHOOLS: Eurekal 9.45 Stop Lock Listen 10.00 Fourways Farm 10.10 TVM 10.25 How We Used to Live 10.45 Caradean 11.00 The New Living Body 11.20 Stage One 11.37 Lost Animals 11.42 Poverty Answering Back 11.45 First Eartion (582863)

12.00 WILD WEST COUNTRY (Teletext) (s)

12,30pm BACKDATE Quiz (s) (72399) 1.00 SESAME STREET (s) (8870863) 1,55 PETE SMITH SPECIALTIES: Camer Sleuth (69993009)

2.05 FILM: Remrod (b/w. 1947), with Veronica Lake and Preston Foster. A woman rancher seeks vengeance against a villainous cattle baron Directed by Andre de Toth (893028 4.00 FIFTEEN TO ONE (405)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (689) 5.00 RICKI LAKE (2631863) S AS TRAVELOG TREKS: North Korea, With Andy Kershaw (2/2) (s) (457196)

6.00 THE AVENGERS: The Curious Case of Countiess Clues. Steed investigates a series of puzzling murders while Tara is laid up in bed after a skiing accident. With Patrick Macnes and Linda Thorson (r) sietext) (60316)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (956689) 7,55 THE SLOT (282950)

8.00 CITIZEN'S ARREST. The case of Devon larmer lan Hay, shot by police after he went berserk with a gun (5/6) (Telatext) (a) (5757)

8.30 BROOKSIDE. Oille takes drastic measures to keep Nat and Georgia apent and Little Jimmy causes heartache for Jimmy and Jackle. With Michael J. Jackson (s) (7592)



Rabbi Yehuda Gordon (9.00pm)

9.00 WITNESS: Manhunter. The work of Israel's Rabbinical Court in tracing husbands who abandon their wives (Teletext) (s)(6573) 10.00 DROP THE DEAD DONKEY: The Blod of Doom. The technology revolution reaches Globelink (406757)

18.35 WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY? (r) (s) (Telelext) (752757) 11.05 GET UP, STAND UP. Sparky, black comedy with Malcolm Frederick, Angle Le Mar and Chris Tummings (2.8)

(Teletext) (s) (312689) 11.35 NORTHERN EXPOSURE I Feel tim Earth Move (919824) 12.30 am THE SHOOTING GALLERY 11 short films. Ends at 3.30

4.00 SCHOOLS (6101871) Ends at 5.00

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SKY 1 7.00am Undun (85739) 9.00 Press Your Luck (5994134) 9.20 Jeopardy (2094221) 9.45 The Oprah Winhey Show (3402221) 10.40 Real TV (2320202) 11.10 Sally Jersy 10.49 Real 19 (2321242) This daily self-Raphael (8071365) 12.00 Geraldo (48252) 1.00pm One to Three (71283) 3.00 Jenny Jones (27399) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (39134) 5.00 Star Trek The Next Generation (8486) 6.00 The Naw Adventures of Superman (48216) 7.00 LAPO (9115) 7.30 MASH (5641) 8.00 Springful (9115) 7.30 MASH (9115) 7.30 MAS (9115) 7.30 MASH (5641) 8.00 Springfull (8863) 8.30 Munder Unsolved (7370) 9.00 Law and Order (70979) 10.00 Ster Trak. The Next Goneration (40738) 11.00 The New Achtentures of Superman (17573) 12.00 Midnight Caller (84852) 1.00am LAPD (69142) 1.30 Real TV (89448) 2.00 Hit Mix

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8.00am The Brasher Dubloon (1947) (95979) 7.30 The New Adventures of Oliver Twist (44126405) 9.05 The Phying Serceror (1974) (6286370) 10.00 Holly-

wood Cavalende (1939) (98273863)
11.40 The Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1962)
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SKY MOVIES GOLD 4.00pm Love Me Tender (1956) (8660) 6.00 Animal Ferm (1955) (2115) 8.00 Operation Daybreak (1975) (5573) 10.00 Birdy (1984) (97283) 12.05pm Seenes from a Merriage (1974) (2346245) 2.55 Pet and Mike (1952) (6573054) 4.30-5.50 The Devil in a Women (1935) (20245) THE DISNEY CHANNEL

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Sky Movies Gold takes over at 10pm.

6.00am Bonkers (9255347) 6.25 Mouse Tracks (8395172) 6.35 Darkmang Dusk. (8265134) 7.15 Ouack Attack. (4021824) 7.40 Alandin (4155573) 8.05 Gool Troop (6267318) 8.30 Bonkers (92738) 9.00 (6267318) 8.30 Bonkers (92738) 9.00 Mouse Tracks (16318) 8.30 Lamb Chope Play Along! (2009) 10.00 Mupped Bubbes (46848) 10.30 Alandenines in Wootbelland (17842) 11.00 Cusack Attack (98554) 11.30 Under the Umbreiks Trace (90263) 12.00 Erangle Roct (96554) 12.30pm Lamb Chops Play Along! (24825) 1.00 Goot Troop (46134) 1.30 Alandin (23195) 2.00 Darkmang Duck (2009) 2.30 Bost of War Dency (1556660) 3.25 Mouse Tracks (6745080) 3.30 Carleang Duck (202331) 4.15 Bonkers (201266) 4.35 Goot Troop (1315958) 5.00 Aladidin (669) 5.30 Charvango (520) 8.00 Crossbow (2115) 6.30 Bossom (3467) 7.00 Home Improvement (6825) 7.30 FILM: A Cry In the Wild (91028) 9.00 Eyewimoss (13318) 9.30-10.00 Home Improvement (44680) SKY SPORTS 1

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DISCOVERY falses over at 4.00pm.

4.00pm Rev. Hunt's Fishing Adventures (5660009) 4.30 Bush Tuster Man (5682221) 6.00 Time Travellers (8954009) 5.30 Jurassiga 2 (5673573) 6.00 Wild Times: Unismed Ainca (830'9286) 7.00 Next Step (8967573) 7.30 Mysterous World (5683950) 8.00 Hunt for the Senai Asonat Adminit (2122115) 9,00 Battefelds 2 (2142979) 10,00 Battefelds 2 (2112738) 11,00-12,00 Louis Elice (7947028)

UK GOLD

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World champion savours success

Hill settles into new life in the fast lane

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN TOKYO

SPEED clung to Damon Hill yesterday, reluctant to release the new Formula One champion from its giddy grip. The lingering adrenalin from the perfect drive that brought him his first title in Suzuka on Sunday woke him in the early hours of the morning, before a train as sleek and as swift as a bullet bore him here to the

capital.
Hill sat with his wife, Georgie, at the front of one of the carriages on the Bullet Train as it hurtled along at more than 100mph. For much of the two-hour journey he signed autographs for excited fans, accepted the congratulations of passing passengers and endured television and media interviews.

He was surrounded by officials from his Williams team and their main sponsors. Rothmans, who were shepherding him through his first engagement as the world champion. Once or twice he wandered a few rows further down the carriage, which was packed with dozing businessmen, to speak to Murray Walker, the motor racing

commentator. Even when Hill got here, things would not slow down. He was ushered from Tokyo Central station, through heavy traffic and pouring rain, straight to the Reuters building for a solid afternoon of television interviews. GMTV, the BBC and ITN were all queueing for slots alongside other stations from all over the world.

It was not until after 7pm that Hill was able to check in district and attempt to relax. At least the building was so tall and the weather so bad that a room on the 47th floor ensured he was able to keep his head in the clouds for one more night before the journey home to England today.

The night before, of course, had been one of prolonged celebration, starting off with three glasses of schnapps, courtesy of the patron of the Rothmans motor home, an extrovert Austrian who brings his own cannon to races and fires it off in the paddock after the action is over.

Next, he rode a moped halfway around the Suzuka track and steered it straight into the layer of his hotel to avoid being mobbed by huge groups of, by now, semicrazed autograph hunters. Then, as is de rigeur for champions crowned at this circuit, he headed for the Log Cabin, a small group of bars on the infield.

As it approached midnight and the tumult was at its height, revellers in the hut colonised by Hill and his wife and friends - familiar, now, with endless renditions of We are the Champions and My Way — were treated to the sight of Michael Schumacher. the deposed champion and the Englishman's greatest rival, singing along to the Dad's Army theme tune.

The words had been changed to "Who do you think you are kidding Michael Schumacher, if you think you can keep old Damon down", and Schumacher, who fin-



Schumacher: singing

ished third in the championship behind Hill and his Williams-Renault team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, appeared to be playing his part with

Hill was still acting like a livewire on the train despite the remnants of a hangover and the constant attention, still letting the realisation that he was world champion sink dreamily into his soul.

"It is irreversible." he said. That is the thing. There is no way anyone can undo my achievement. It is done. It is such an enormous relief to have crossed over the threshold and to have joined the very, very few who have become world champion. It is a relief that all the hard work is over, all the effort to keep your mind working in the right way. It is the same relief anyone feels when they know they are going to get a break for a while.

"It is as though someone has taken a brake off my brain and now I can relax for the first time in such a long time and just be normal. Even more than relief, though, the sense of triumph is overwhelming. It was what I so wanted to do and I have satisfying."
Hill will take a break from

motor racing for a month, spending time with his family in Dublin and taking them on holiday. He will then start his driving duties for the TWR Arrows team he joined after the surprising decision by Frank Williams, the Williams team manager, to release him

"I am not thinking about jobs that lie ahead really, though," Hill said. "I am just drinking it all in at the moment. I am taking a rest from setting myself goals for a while. I am not considering anything other than what have just done and what I have achieved. I am going to enjoy that even though I am one of those mad people who cannot relax for too long. I start worrying if I am not doing anything."

FA charges Bosnich with misconduct the case before the police have finished their own investigations and passed on those findings to the Crown Prosecution Service, who will decide

whether to charge Bosnich with a public order offence. Scotland Yard is annoyed at suggestions that action by the FA was ever an alternative to their own procedure. "I can assure people that we are continuing to investigate thor-oughly." a Yard spokesman said. Bosnich could be questioned by police for a second time, having been interviewed, along with Little, immediately after the game,

Bosnich, booked by the referee, Peter Jones, for ungentlemanly conduct, reaffirmed his sorrow yesterday and continued to maintain that his gesture was a "split second prank", an imitation of Basil Fawity, that backfired.

He said that he was unaware of Tottenham's Jewish links and said: "You can call it a moment of madness if you like. Anti-Semitism and racism are crimes against humanity: ignorance and icc-

the Natal president, has re-

signed from the Sarfu execu-

tive committee in protest. "

now have extreme difficulty in

accepting and condoning the

new face of South African

There are plausible excuses

for disbanding the successful

management team: Christie's

health (though he is now

recovered); du Plessis's own

desire to leave (from which he

could surely have been dis-

suaded): Pienaar's form fol-

lowing a neck injury in August. One withdrawal

might have been acceptable,

even two, but to lose all four

members of so intelligent and

perceptive a team is down-

said to be a possible successor

to Louis Luyt, the Sarfu presi-

dent, combines the role of manager, coach and chair-man of selectors. He has

brought in new coaching tal-

ent: Nic Mallett, the former

No S who won a Blue at

Oxford University in 1979,

Hugh Recce-Edwards, the for-

mer Natal full back, and Carel

du Plessis, one of South Afri-

ca's better wings of the 1980s.

The selectors are doing

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Now Markgraaff, who is

right careless

rugby." he said.

ularity are not. You can accuse me of making a bad taste joke but anything else I think is

Making tracks: Hill and his wife, Georgie, are the focus of attention from fans and the media on the Bullet Train to Tokyo yesterday

Bosnich is clearly conducting a damage limitation exercise. He pointed out that he has a Jewish aunt himself and has previously spoken of the he was persecuted as a child in Australia because of his Croatian background. "I lost family in the Second

Newcastle's fears Money-go-round High-flying Dodds ...

World War and in the recent war in Yugoslavia," he added. He said he regretted what he sees as the widening gulf between players and supporters. He made the gesture as a way of acknowledging cries of "one Jürgen Klinsmann" from Tottenham supporters, a reference to a game two seasons ago when he was involved in a collision with the German striker, then a Tottenham

Grant Bovey, head of Cruise

Inter set to

Holdings, has been ap-proached by two Premiership clubs since his attempt to take over Nottingham Forest at a cost of £30 million became public at the weekend.

Bovey, 35, met the Forest chairman, Fred Reacher, and his fellow directors in London last week. However, Keith Gibson, one of those directors, said that he did not feel the club "would be progressing" with a man who was raised a few miles out of the city and watched his first football from the old terraces on the Trent

Bovey said: "If they decide with somebody else then fine. Football is moving very quickly and on the back of the publicity, two clubs have been in touch because they thought I might be in a position to invest in them. But I would not have approached anybody except Forest."

End at the City Ground.

Sheffield Wednesday yesterday completed the signing of Benito Carbone, the midfield player from Internazionale. for £3 million. The fee is a record for the club.

about inheriting Chris Waddle's No 8 shirt. "I'm not worried by that prospect at all," he said. "I'm not aware of how famous a player he was with Wednesday. All I know is how famous Diego Maradona was at Napoli when I took over his No 10 shirt. Then at Inter, I took over the No 10 shirt again — this time from Dennis Bergkamp."

Carbone's arrival means that David Pleas, the Wednesday manager, has spent nearly £7 million this summer, totally revamping the side. Carbone's transfer sets a record after the £2.75 million previously paid by Trevor Francis for Des Walker and Andy Sinton.

Pleat's previous highest signing was Andy Booth for £2.65 million from Huddersfield Town in the summer. \$ Carbone will fit into midfield alongside Orlando Trustfull and Mark Pembridge, with Regi Blinker on the other wing. Pleat hopes to have the forms complete in time to face Blackburn Rovers at Hillsborough on Saturday.

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South Africa's new rugby regime needs swift success

By RICHARD HOBSON

AND PETER BALL

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston

Villa goalkeeper, has been

charged with misconduct by

the Football Association after

his Nazi-style salute to Totten-

ham Hotspur supporters dur-

ing the FA Carling

Premiership game at White

Hart Lane last Saturday, and

could also face criminal charges as police investiga-

Bosnich, 24, issued an open

statement of regret through

his agent yesterday morning

addressed to "anyone of-

ed" and spent the rest of the

day torn between bewilder-

ment and contrition. The only

good news came when Brian

Little, the Villa manager, said

that his place in the team was

not in jeopardy as a result of

the gesture. That is not to say,

however, that he will escape

An FA spokesman said that

the disciplinary panel had made contact with the police

before issuing a misconduct

charge. It is unlikely to hear

punishment from his club.

tions continue

A MERE 16 months ago. South African rugby possessed two dream teams; the XV which won the World Cup and the four-man team which contrived to paint so positive an image not only of their sport but of their country. Now the first is broken and the second, with the omission of François Pienaar from the party to tour Argentina. France and Wales this au-

tumn, is gone. Given the introverted politics of South African rugby one should not be surprised. yet the loss of a management team of such quality creates a melancholy record. First to go was Edward Griffiths who, as the South African Rugby Football Union's (Sarfu) chief exec-utive, liaised with the media; a former political speech writer. Griffiths coined the phrase "one team, one nation", so apt

for the time. He was followed by Kitch Christie, a coach of superb quality who suffered from illness as well as an independence of mind which allowed him to take or leave one of the most onerous sporting posts. Morne du Plessis was third, a former Springbok captain who, as team manager, crossed the divide of colour so successfully and who spoke of his country's future with such

Now the captain. Pienaar. whose exchange with the national president. Nelson Mandela, in the minutes following the defeat of New Zealand created the lasting image of the 1995 World Cup. joins them in rugby obscurity. But there was substance to the image, the drive towards the "affirmative action" through which rugby could cross racial David Hands on the

upheavals that

are tearing the Springboks apart

nised in a remarkable poli

over the weekend.

Some 55,000 people used a hot-line established by the Johannesburg-based Sunday Times to answer the question: "Who should be fired, Pienaar or [André] Markgraaff?" The answer was loud: 95.5 per cent said Markgraaff, the man who succeeded Christie as

coach, should go. "There can

be no clearer indication of how

far our rugby administrators have drifted from the loyalties and feelings of ordinary rugby fans." Brian Pottinger, the paper's editor, said. Listeners to radio stations have hinted at a boycott of the Currie Cup semi-final at Pretoria this Saturday between Northern Transvaal and Transvaal. Pienaar's province and yesterday Ray Mordt, Markgraaff's assistant couch.

announced his resignation.

He will continue to coach

as technical advisor. what they feel is best for South African rughy," Luyt said. Their motives are honest and genuine and to suggest anything else is appalling." But the heat is now on Markgrauff: he has a golden era in Springbok rugby hanging over him like a cloud and if he cannot find playing suc-cess, and swiftly, he could be the next casualty.



Pienzar: omitted

contest Ince's ban Transvaal Moreover, Keith Parkinson,

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

INTERNAZIONALE are to appeal against the suspension received by Paul Ince. the England midfield player, who was sent off at the weekend after being subjected to racist

The trouble started when Gianpietro Piovani, the Piacenza defender, went over to Ince and shouted racial abuse at him as they waited for u

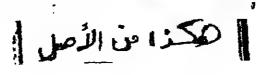
corner. ince responded by touching Piovani lightly on the shoulder and his opponent, who has since admitted feigning injury, dropped to the ground. Ince will now be given either a one or two-match ban, but Inter can appeal against the verdict before the disciplinary committee on Friday.

A spokeswoman for Inter said: "Our lawyers are now preparing an appeal to the disciplinary committee." Massimo Moratti, the club president, hopes Ince's case will not even get that far. He told the Gazzetta dello Sport: "I hope that he will be cleared by sporting judiciary. I hope there will be an amnesty for an offence which was never committed."

Inter face playing their toughest match so far this season, against Juventus, the European champions, next weekend, without the man who has become the linehpin of their midfield.

Ince, who was subjected to racial absuse from the crowd against Cremonese last season, was furious about the incident. "I didn't do anything wrong, and I'm really angry with Piovani, because first he insulted me and afterwards he made a real scene," he





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Changing the guard for a second Clinton reign

IN WASHINGTON

TWO of President Clinton's top advisers, George Stephan-opoulos and the Defence Secretary, William Perry, yesterday disclosed that they might not serve in a second Clinton Administration. A host of other senior officials, including the US Ambassadors to London and Paris, are also expected to leave if the President wins re-election.

Mr Stephanopoulos, who is 35 and the last survivor of Mr Clinton's 1992 campaign team, told New Yorker magazine that after five tough years at Mr Clinton's side he was burnt out. "I've had a great run, a great ride, but it feels like I'm done. It's not that I'm above it, but I can't do it any more. I just have to grow up."

profoundly ambivalent about his job and may leave before the year's end, although he insisted: "I haven't decided." Mr Perry is widely respect-

ed and has calmed the Pentagon following Les Aspin's short, tempestuous reign, but has recently faced harsh critithat killed 19 American servicemen in Saudi Arabia, the American response to Iraqi provocations, and the disclosure that troops would remain in Bosnia beyond December's

Warren Christopher. 70, the Secretary of State, is also expected to depart, further disrupting Mr Clinton's foreign policy team. Mr Christopher calls such speculation premature, but he is tired, his

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that big government's days

are numbered, but his radical

conservatism quickly caused

alarm. Democrats assailed his

talk of reviving orphanages.

He was attacked for saying that the agency running Medi-care should "wither on the

vine". He was ridiculed as a

"cry baby" for complaining that his shabby treatment on

Mr Clinton's plane had con-

tributed to a government shut-

down over the budget. In short, Mr Gingrich talked too

much. His rhetoric was incen-

He had been hailed -

amazingly in retrospect - as a

plummeting from being Time

man of the year to one of the

most unpopular politicians in

bles, he is still dogged by an

ethics investigation into tan-

used tax-exempt donations im-

properly. Nowadays Mr Gingrich is a pariah, even among Republicans. Many

blame him for Mr Clinton's

resurgence. He is like a West

End actor relegated to rep. The oratory is still there, but

the crowds and media interest

Mr Gingrich's seat is con-

sidered safe. He won his

solidly Republican district with 64 per cent last time and

he faces an unlikely Demo-

crat. Michael Coles is a multi-

millionaire who founded the

Great American Cookie Co

with 400 branches selling big.

gooey biscuits. Known as Cookie Monster, he is spend-

ing lavishly in the hope that Mr Gingrich will crumble.

Luckily for the Speaker, Mr

Coles is a political novice.

have fallen away sharply.

gled allegations that he had

President before

diary and frightening.

potential



dream of a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement is fading, and his wife wants to return to California. Last week he broke James Baker's record as America's most travelled Secretary of State. Madeleine

George Stephanopoulos, left, and William Perry have hinted that they will not serve a second term Albright, the United Nations Ambassador, is pressing hard to succeed him. She is thought to have Hillary Clinton's sup-

port and Mr Clinton would

love to appoint America's first

female Secretary of State, but



Madeleine Albright wants to be Secretary of State, but George Mitchell would also like the post

there is resistance within the State Department. Other contenders would be

George Mitchell, presently Mr Clinton's emissary to Northern Ireland, Senators Sam Nunn, Chris Dodd or

Richard Lugar, Tony Lake, the National Security Adviser, and Thomas Pickering, the former Ambassador to Russia. Richard Holbrooke, architect of the Bosnian peace accord, is

often mentioned but he is a

great self-promoter and poor team player. Strobe Talbott, Mr Christopher's deputy. would face confirmation problems unless the Démocrats won the Senate and would more likely replace Mr Lake if he left the White House. Admiral William Crowe,

the US Ambassador in London, was unavailable yes-terday, but officials in Washington expect him to leave early next year, if only because his wife is ill. Tom Foley, the former House Speaker and noted anglophile, would be an obvious choice to succeed him. Pamela Harriman, US Am-

bassador in Paris, has equivocated since telling The Washington Post last April that "I've had enough", but officials expect she would return. Jean Kennedy Smith, the controversial US Ambassador

Mass exoduses by exhausted staff are common when Presidents begin second terms and this would be no excep-tion. Leon Panetta, the White House Chief of Staff, would almost certainly return to California and might run for

Governor in 1998. Other senior officals who are expected to go are CIA Director John Deutch, who angered the White House by saying recent American action against Iraq had strengthened President Saddam Hussein; Hazel O'Leary, the Energy Secretary, whose lavish overseas travel has embarrassed the President; and Henry Cisneros, the Housing Secretary, who was investigated for concealing payments to a

Jester Gingrich plays politics of pantomime

FROM IAN BRODIE IN ATLANTA

NEWT GINGRICH cuts a tragicomic figure as he traipses around his constituency on the outskirts of Atlanbrandishing a plastic

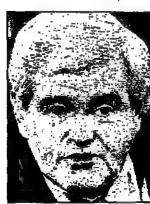
The chubby Speaker of the House of Representatives, and erstwhile leader of the Republican "revolution", has a diminished role in this year's election, other than as the butt of Democrats' slurs.

He lugs the bucket every-where. Between stops it sits beside him in his minivan. This pantomime prop is a memento from his glory days two years ago when "Newt's army" of Republicars wrested control of the House from

Democrats after 40 years. He promptly cancelled twice-daily deliveries of buckets of ice to every House member. The service emplayed 14, cost \$500,000 and had survived the invention of refrigerators for 80 years.
"Here is a symbol of how we stopped the Democrats wasting your money," Mr Gingrich said, plunking his bucket

on the lectern at a fund-raiser. If only his Contract With America had been as simple. As it was, he ran into interference from President Clinton Republicans. Parts of his plan passed, including welfare reform. Other ideas foundered. among them a balanced budget amendment to the American Constitution.

True, Washington embraced the Gingrich mentra



among Republicans

California puts Dole team in disarray

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, his wife Elizabeth and his running-mate Jack Kemp descended on California yesterday with the Republican campaign strategy for one of the most crucial ctoral states in disarray. Mr Dole, who faces Presi-

dent Clinton in the second and final presidential debate tomorrow in San Diego, southern California, is reported to be considering an eleventh-hour blitz on the Golden State. That would scotch persistent rumours that he is planning to abandon California, where he lags heavily in the polls; but it would drain millions of dollars from his campaign in other important states where he stands more

chance of winning.
As the presidential race enters its last three weeks, Mr Dele, who continues to trail the President by double-digit margins in most polls, is wavering over the central planks of his strategy, includng whether to criticise Mr Clinton's morals and where to

deploy limited resources. California offers a fifth of the electoral college votes needed for victory and Mr Clinton's campaign throughcornerstone of its electoral strategy. The state has a reputation for being harsh on candidates who neglect it and Mr Clinton has swamped it with attention, visiting 29

times in four years. Republican advisers say they are taking encourage-ment from Friday's respected Field Institute poll, which indicated that Mr Clinton's lead in California had narrowed by four percentage points, to ten points. Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, has also been urging Mr Dole not to write off California.

However, Dole aides are saying in private that money and attention are now being focused as much on those areas where congressional candidates need help as on those where Mr Dole himself can reasonably hope to win.



Mordechai Vanunu's message to the media outside a Jerusalem court explaining his kidnapping by Mossad in 1986

Ten years on, Israel's nuclear whistle blower stays defiant

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEL AVIV

AFTER spending 3,662 days in solitary confinement, the longest recently endured by any prisoner in the Western world, Mordechai Vanunu, the Israeli technician who revealed Israel's nuclear secrets to The Sunday Times,

remains defiant. Yesterday a truncated message to the outside world from the man who, at his last supreme court appearance in December was forced to wear a mask to prevent him speaking to the media, was read to the first international conference of his supporters by Susannah York, the actress In words dictated to one of his brothers before prison authorities could intervene and return him to the tiny cell

his kidnapping in 1986, Vanumu — who on Sunday marked his forty-second birth-day — said: "I thank you all. I am happy for revealing what I Ten years ago this month

which has been his home since

his story, carried across three pages of The Sunday Times. disclosed that Israel had a muclear arsenal of between 100-200 warheads which has still never been admitted publicly and makes it the world's sixth nuclear power. The information has never been debated by the Israeli parliament and remains a nonsubject in the Israeli media. The two-day conference, shunned by a number of

Israeli universities but eventu-

ally staged at a beachfront hotel amid the uncomfortable presence of secret service agents, was the biggest boost yet for Vanunu's hopes of securing release before 2004. Campaigners from around the world listened to details of his kidnapping by Mossad and his deteriorating mental state.

including growing paranola. Among the many calls for his release was one from Anthony Grey, the former Reuter correspondent turned best-selling novelist.

"Having spent two years in solitary as a hostage in China, the heart quails at how a man can endure five times that period," he wrote. "Here is a man of great courage." The gathering was staged

less than 20 miles from the seaside home of the blonde seasure none of the house agent codenamed "Cindy" who lured Vanunu into a trap by tempting him to fly from London to Rome. There he was drugged and later smuggled by sea to Israel.

The meeting was hailed by Joseph Rotblat, \$7, winner of the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize. He argued that Vanunu was a "whistle-blower", not a spy or traitor. Haaretz, Israel's leading broadsheet, carried a front-page commentary backing Vanunu's release.

An enlarged photograph at the conference showed the message scrawled on Vanunu's palm outside a Jerusalem court that told the world

Mother to defend dissident son in trial

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE mother of Wang Dan, the Chinese dissident once named by China as its "most wanted" counter-revolutionary, is to defend her son in a coming trial at which he could be sentenced to death for allegedly attempting to overthrow the Government.

The action she is taking is unique in China's legal history. Mrs Wang Lingyun, 61, speaking on the phone yesterday from Peking, said her 26year-old son wanted her to 6 defend him, alongside his other lawyer. Mrs Wang be-lieves the trial will begin this week. She will defend him against the charge that he had collaborated with foreign subversive elements, which she says amounts to no more than doing a correspondence course at the University of California.

Mr Wang's main lawyer will concentrate on the other charges against him, such as collaborating with internal counter-revolutionaries such as Wei Jingsheng, a nominee for this year's Nobel Peace Prize. Wei is presently serving a 14-year sentence; this was imposed two years after he completed nearly 15 years of a

Mr Wang, a student leader during the pro-democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square in 1989, was soon afterwards placed on top of the "most wanted" list. He served, four years in prison, followed. by constant detentions, until his disappearance into police custody 17 months ago. His parents say they have neither spoken to him since his detention, nor do they know where

he is being held. Mr Wang's trial comes just after last week's jailing of Liu Xisobo, another Tiananmen veteran, for three years at a labour camp. In late September Liu had written a pamphlet with Wang Xizhe another veteran dissident, who surfaced in Hong Kong over the weekend and was expected to fly to the United States last night — calling for the impeachment of President Jiang Żemin.

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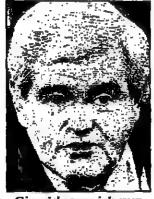
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The imprisonment of nearly all dissidents presents President Clinton with a problem. He has maintained for a year that Communist China is more likely to treat dissidents better if Washington abandoned its threats of sanctions,



Wang Xizhe: smuggled out to Hong Kong



Gingrich: a pariah even

Thatcherite conversion ends ANC vision of road to socialism

WHEN the African National Congress took power in South Africa it was no secret that many of its most influential supporters - especially the Communist Party and the trade unions — saw its triumph as a stepping stone to full-blown

The crucial vehicle in this transformation was to be the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) — a massive exercise in state welfare and redistribution that was the heart of the ANC's 1994 election campaign. Officially, at least, this terminology still applies. The country is undergoing what is referred to as "the national democratic revolution" when the task of true progressives is to concert with the "patriotic bourgeoisie" against international capital, most egregiously represent-

President Mandela's strategy to produce 6 per cent growth and 400,000 jobs a year in South Africa is foundering, R. W. Johnson writes in Johannesburg

ed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank. Under the urgings of Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, the RDP has been shelved, indeed almost killed off. It is clear that virtually all the RDP targets will be missed by a mile, the programme's office has been shut down and in practice the Mandela Government has simply lacked the administrative ability to spend the money allocated to the RDP.

More strikingly, though, the Government has quietly undergone

a conversion to Thatcherite economics. Inflation of about 8 per cent is being mercilessly squeezed down by one of the world's highest real interest rates - most homeowners are paying 18 per cent or more on their mortgages. The Government's macro-economic strategy, backed by the IMF and by Germany and Britain, calls for a draconian cut in the budget delicit from 6 per cent of gross domestic product to 3 per cent, a sweeping privatisation programme and the reduction of labour market inflexibilities. To the growing chorus of Just how tough this is is best discontent that this strategy has provoked, Mr Mbeki has even and panting of European Union borrowed Thatcher's famous line: There is no alternative. The moment of truth lies just

ahead with the March 1997 budget which must, according to Trevor Manuel, the Finance Minister. see the budget deficit cut to 4 per cent. The Government's Financial and Fiscal Commission is aghast to discover that once non-discretionary items are discounted, this will imply a 7 per cent cut in the expenditure of regional governments and a whopping 17 per cent cut in the expenditure of central government departments — with, of course, a further large reduction due thereafter if the 3 per cent deficit target is to be achieved.

and panting of European Union states to get down to the same 3 per cent deficit and 60 per cent debt ceilings laid down by Maastricht. South Africa, with far less fat to cut, is in effect aiming to meet the Maastricht criteria by 2000 al-

though it has no EU to join.

The mood within the Finance
Ministry as the possible cuts are reviewed is said to be tense, even panicky, for there is no doubt that the political reaction to austerity on this scale will be hugely unpopular with the ANC electorate. News that the Government has just taken its first loan from the World Bank has, irrationally, spurred criticism on the Left but this will be nothing if, as seems certain, the unions face

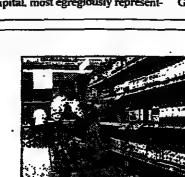
large public-sector job cuts in the next budget and the Government eventually has to seek IMF support to sustain the rand when it finally abolishes exchange controls.

One has to admire the Government's courage in embarking on an

economic policy so markedly differ-ent from anything that any other African regime has started life with. Mr Mbeki has placed his hopes on the bet that the new strategy will produce 6 per cent growth and 400,000 jobs a year by 2000.

The problem is that if the

Government pushes ahead with its strategy, huge unpopularity is bound to follow. But if it backs away as the strategy's true costs become clear, it risks a further collapse in investor confidence and the value of the rand.



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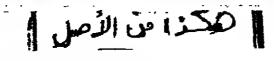
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Christopher Thomas reports from Kabul as Taleban's vital supply line is cut

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.Warlords lay plans to recapture the capital

met in the strategic Salang Pass yesterday to discuss moving south to capture Kabul. Afghanistan's capital. Their two top commanders met in jubilant mood at a spot surrounded by the snow-covered Hindu Kush mountains. The anti-Talehan forces

we consolidated their hold on the important towns of Jabal ox-Siraj and Charikar, a few hours' drive north of Kabul. This puts them within striking distance of the capital and has denied the Islamic warriors, who captured the city on September 27, a vital supply line to their forward positions.

General Ahmed Shah Masond, the defence chief of the ousted Government, met General Abdul Rashid Dostum. the Uzbek warlord who controls six northern provinces, for talks. General Dostum, who yesterday recognised Afghanistan's ousted Government has massive amounts of armaments, including fighter lic of Uzbekistan, which supplies much of his equipment. General Dostum's forces have not been directly involved in the counter-offensive so far. There was small-arms fighting last night less than ten miles north of Kabul, the important Bagram militury airbase.

General Said Jaffer Nuderi, senior member of General Dostum's forces, said his backing so far had been logistical. "This meeting is to decide the future - what we will do together. Working together is the only way as defend Afghanistan."

He added that it was hoped to take Kabul by negotiation, but hinted at an offensive if such tacties failed

Taleban insisted last night that it retained control of Bagram airbase and that Kabul was too heavily fortified to fall. It is making the presump-tion that General Masood will not attack Kabul with shells



A Taleban fighter with a machinegun prepares to leave Kabul for a frontline position as Islamic warriors lost more ground to ousted government forces

inevitable civilian casualties. General Mascod has said that he withdrew from the city to save it from shelling by

General Masood, whose Tajik forces are centred on the Panjshir Valley 40 miles north of Kabul, has again demonstrated his prowess as a guerrilla fighter. In the 1980s he was a hero of the war against the Soviet Union, which never

conquered the valley or flushed General Masood out of it, despite carpet-bombing and landing thousands of paratroops, most of whom nerished.

Tajik civilians flocked to join his army yesterday. They are fired with the thought of murching back into Kabul. which General Masood seized in April 1992 from the former

President Najibullah, who Taleban hanged last month United Nations compound.

General Dostum's forces occupied strategic positions around Charikar and Jabal us-Siraj yesterday. If the two armies jointly attack they could probably drive Taleban out of the capital, but civilian losses probably would be high. General Dustum reiter-

ated last night that he would prefer to take Kabul by

Talchan said yesterday that was ready for peace talks with General Dostum, but that negotiations with General Masood were out of the question. It also announced the establishment of a commission to consider the status of ordered to stay at home and

give up their jobs, its report would take "some time" to prepare, Taleban said, It would ultimately be up to the high court to decide whether women could work and what clothes they should wear.

This will not satisfy international aid agencies, whose work is being severely disrupted because of the absence of

Refugee families flee to Pakistan

FROM RELITER IN PESHAWAR

AT LEAST 10,000 Alghans have fled to Pakistan since the capture of Kabul by Taleban, United Nations official said

"About 9,000 to 10,000 eople have come to the Nasir Bagh camp on the outskirts of Peshawar," Anoush Daneshwar, deputy head of mission for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said in Islamabad. "The real figure is much higher because many people go and stay with their relatives and are not registered by UNHCR or the

families a day had been heading east from Kabul in the past week, but described this as normal for the time of year. when many people move to the eastern city of Jalalabad to escape the harsh Kabul winter. But Taleban fighters have intervened to stop men from

taking families or household goods with them. 🗖 Dushanbe, Tajikistan: Six Islamic rebels were killed in clashes with Russian troops while trying to cross the border from Afghanistan and a soldier died when a Tajiki

WORLD SUMMARY

Kurdish rebels advance

Nicosia: Iraqi Kurds opposed to Baghdad made further gains vesterday after recapturing their stronghold of Suia:maniya on Sunday but said they would not attempt to retake the key city of Arbil as a was ringed by Iraqi tanks (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Patriotic Union of Kurdistan forces were reported to have fought to within 25 miles of Arbil, from which they were ousted in August by the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

UN condemns Cyprus killing

Nicosia: The United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus condemned the shooting of Petros Kakouli, a Greek Cypriot who strayed into Turkish-held territory on Sunday Michael Theodoulou writes). The UN said the killing was a deplorable and unnecessary use of lethal force

Court overturns scarf expulsions

Grenoble: A court here has overturned the expulsion by two French schools in 1994 of seven Muslim schoolgirls for refusing to take off truditional headscarves in class, judicial officials said. The expulsions had caused widespread anger among France's three million Muslims. (AFP)

Children's scrap sparks gunfight

Cairo: A squabble between two small children in south Egypt led to a clash with machineguns between their Coptic Christian and Muslim families, wounding 20 people including their fathers, police said. Police arrested 15 people who took part in fighting. (AFP)

It's a snip Blenheim, New Zealand: A

mother of six made a successful £147 bid for a vasectomy for her husband at a charity auction in this South Island town, the New Zealand Press

Pariah widows bear brunt of city's despair By CHRISTOPHER THOMAS 6 My husband's family threw me out: they

ABUL'S 30,000 war widows are despised. Their families throw them out. there is no hope of remarriage, their knit. She earned enough to feed malnourished children must scavherself and her two children, aged six enge. And now, banned from working. many are on the edge of starvation.

Widows, who are often also blamed for their husbands' deaths - they failed to pray hard enough for their safety — are the greatest victims of Taleban's ban on female employment. Many are squatters in bombed-out houses that cling to the rocky hills surrounding the capital, a subculture of Alghanistan's most desperate and isolated people. "We are no better than

dogs," Farzana, about 25, says. Before the Taleban Islamic militia captured Kabul last month, Farzana could not feed me or my children ?

and four, but now she must stay at home and ponder a desperate future. Her husband was killed in a rocket attack on Kabul four years ago and since then she has lived from her knitting skills. Now she cannot even work from home because Care does not have any Afghan women employ-

Taleban's strict segregation rules. War widows, who have an average of four to five children, live alone or with groups of other widows, such is their pariah status. Many are beggars, burga (veil), or wandering the streets with hands outstretched. Some used to scratch a living by going door-to-door offering to wash clothes or clean

houses, but even that has stopped. They could earn about a pound a day doing domestic work, enough for two or three large pieces of naan (bread). Heather Robinson, 31, from Liverpool, who works in Kabul for Care, said half the widows had debts ees to deliver wool. A man would not be allowed to deliver supplies under of about £20, usually owed to the

baker, a neighbour or a relation.
A survey of 5,000 widows conducted by Care found that 76 per cent had no income and survived from scavenging or borrowing. Before war broke out 17 years ago, widows and their children

husband's extended family, but such charity is impossible now that Afghanistan is all but penniless.

The Kabul office of Action Contre la Faim says half the city's 290,000 children aged under five are stunted. More than 23,000 are acutely or severely malnourished. Diljan, 31, widowed three years ago in a rocket attack on the capital, said

she was too frightened to go on the street because she might be beaten up by Taleban soldiers for leaving her ne. "I am bitter," she said. "My husband's family threw me out because they could not feed me or my children." Her son, Il, works in the bazaar, supplying the family's only income. Like all Afghan women, she moved in with her husband's family after marriage and rarely left the house. She is illiterate, like all but I or

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How I learnt to survive after the Andrew Neil affair

PAMELLA BORDES INTERVIEW

'I could be drinking alcohol or shooting up. I could have given up on the whole world'



Pamella Bordes and Andrew Neil, Editor of The Sunday Times, during the Commons scandal

mella Bordes has no ome. She drifts through India taking photographs. tels, crushing with friends and while, saves money, and roams until it runs out. She is not ambitious, not married and uncommitted. And she is no longer committed. And she is no longer and talks to Singh, a Jat from farmers' stock past, she thought, was "I would like to be left in peace," she says. "Everything has

The former Miss India, who had Fleet Street in a frenzy seven years ago with tawdry tales of sex with editors (well, at least one of them), liaisons with a royal, with politicians and with the wealthy, has reinvented herself.

She has produced the dummy of a book of text and photographs on Indian women - town women, village women and prostitutes. She moved into a friend's house in the Rajasthani town of Jaipur this month to start writing. Now she is somewhere else in India, hiding from the fresh frenzy that will accompany publication of the autobiography by Andrew Neil, former Editor of The Sunday Times - one of her lovers in summer 1989. He devotes much space to her.

The book, she says, is "inconvenient because again it puts me back in the news. I do not like it. Why should my name he brought up again? These guys should deal with their own lives and stop dragging me in. It is a pain in the neck for me now because I am going to have journalists chasing me around. It was a long time ago. I was different

then, so young."

She met Neil at the Tramp nightclub in London's West End. "He was funny," she recalls. "Whatever I said, he made a joke, I didn't know who he was. How would 1? I am not from Fleet Street. I had just arrived in England, It was a genuine friendship and I was fond of him. I haven't had any contact with him since those days, It is better that way. You move on, I am perfectly capable of looking

Pamella Bordes breaks her sevenyear silence Christopher Thomas in India

after myself without having his name attached to me."

She is 34 and strikingly dressed. She wants to be taken seriously as a photographer. She lives with a cameraman, her partner of five years, when she visits New York, but India is her main home.

She thinks that one day she might live in southern India: she might take over some family land and live on it: she might move into the Rajasthan desert; she might get married; she might have children. although she doubts it. "Hasn't India got enough children? I would never have them here." Her plans are fluid and unsettled, like her strange, rootless life.

er father died when she was very young. At the age of five she went to boarding school - a tough, loveless institution in the northern mountain state of Himachal Pradesh. Later she moved to boarding school in Jaipur, a town that comes closest to being home. She taught herself photography while still at school. After the trauma of her London days, she says, photography saved her life. She is passionate about her book

"India's street culture was never considered are because it was too close to home," she says, "it was not considered aesthetic because it was Inghiering. Previously, photographers concentrated on diche images of beautiful palaces and village women with pots on their heads. There is turmoil in the cities ing pop imagery. It is impossible for me to ignore it.

band Dominique Bordes seven unmarried name. Pamella has reverted to Pamela. Only one man currently obsesses her - her father. a major in the Indian Army, who died in the Himalayas during the war with China in 1962. She thinks feet down a ravine where he fell, and she would like to take an expedition to recover them. "We would have to take yaks because it

is so high," she says.

The detailed story of his heroism. for which he was awarded India's top military commendation, has lately surfaced in research by the maharaja of Patiala. She learnt that he froze to death. She has been calling doctors to ask how long he might have suffered. She thinks he used to visit her as a child, when her room, his portrait on the wall, would go cold. "I only found out a couple of months ago exactly how he died. I cried for days, thinking of him down there, cold and alone."

The "Pamella Affair" was a relatively undamaging scandal. No state secrets were revealed and no careers were ruined, although a marriage or two may have been shaken. The former part-time House of Commons researcher fled to Bali in Indonesia to escape the press, but reporters found her. She was pursued to Hong Kong, where she went for treatment after a road accident, and reporters barged into the doctor's consulting room. Police were called to keep them out. She disappeared to southern Africa. where they never found her. "I lived alone in the desert. I healed there." She says she stayed in Africa for

It was a painful time, physically and mentally. I could not make good decisions because I was so ill. I did recover quite quickly. I could be drinking alcohol now or shooting up. Anything could have hap-



pened. I could have given up on the world. For me the biggest achieve-ment is that I can still like and trust people. I blindly trust people and nobody can understand that, I do not want to lose that. I am not going

he thinks her book project will take another two vears. "When I look through the camera lens. life is in focus. I did not choose photography, it chose me. Sometimes I stay in the darkroom for three days, sleeping on the floor." She believes she must make it as

a photographer in New York, centre of international photo-journalism, to win full professional credibility. "I am anonymous in New York. There is no press

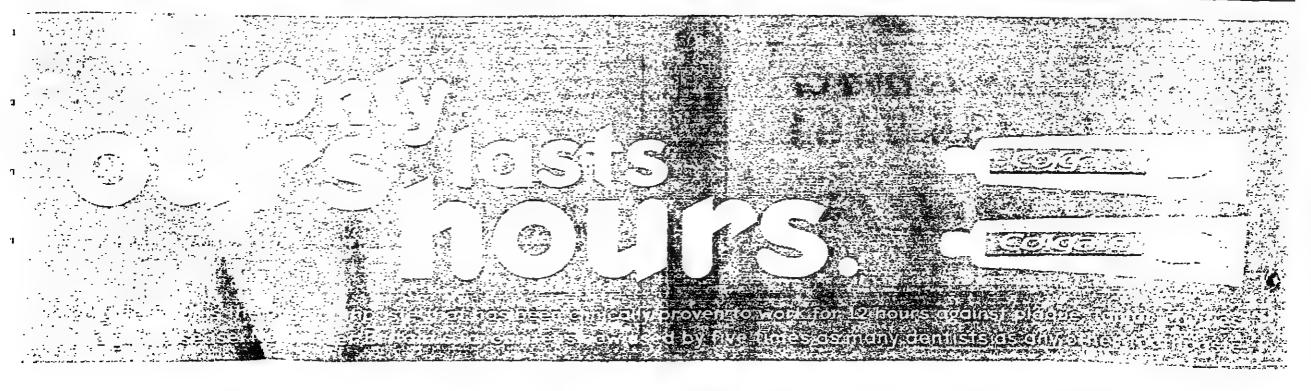
interest in me there. The interest in me is an English thing. I never look back on those days. This is the weirdest thing. It is neither black nor white. There is nothing to it. Andrew Neil was around for a few months and I moved on. Then it was somebody

"At the time I felt well of him, Time is a precious thing and when you spend time with somebody you cannot waste it. I liked Andrew because he was a self-made man from a council estate in Scotland. He has become somebody. To be self-made is a big deal."

She loves India, but hates Delhi with its pollution and crowds. She is friends again with her mother after a long estrangement following the London notoriety. The biggest force in her life now is her father. she says. She was obsessed with him until she was to because he was missing in action and perhaps. she thought, not dead, "I fantasised that he was a prisoner of war and might come back. When you have a

father who was so brave you want to do well, too.

"Every time I am in trouble somebody is there to help me. A stranger comes into my life when I need someone. I have had my fair share of trouble. I don't want much in life. I don't need much. You can live in India very cheaply. I gen looking his some land to buy in Rajasthan. I might settle there. After a while you have seen it all. I don't go to parties any more. They don't interest me. Some people work to travel. I do it the other way round. I really think I have found



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Day two: Maureen Freely on the results of feminism; Giles Coren on manliness; Lotte Hughes on Masai men

Neither slipper slave nor

hairy-leg brigade

n A Room of One's Own, Virginia Woolf imagines herself in the British Museum, reading a monumental work by a Pro-fessor von X entitled: The Mental, Moral, and Physical Inferiority of the Female Sex. Why, she wonders, did he and so many other male authors need to give the subject so much time and energy?

She concludes that they needed to think of women as seak so that they might feel strong in comparison. "Women have served all

these centuries as lookingglasses, possessing the magic and delicious power of reflecting the figure of man at twice its natural size. Without that power the earth would still be swamp and jungle." she says - but with it, men "start the day confident, braced, believing themselves desired at Miss Smith's tea party: they say to themselves as they go into the room. I am the superior of half the people here . .

in the 50-odd years since Woolf wrote those lines, the Professor von Xs of the world ever-decreasing stock of magic looking-glasses. They blame feminism for this tragedy, so naturally they wish it would

just go away. Like exiled Romanovs, they live in perpetual mourning for the days when manual bourers could look forward abouters could look forward of their own homes.

This is true even of men who would never dream of uttering a misogynist sentence. Too often they speak wistfully about having come into manbood a generation too late.

More than once, I have seen Frank, my own staunchly egalitarian partner, heave an envious sigh at the sight of my father sending my mother off for his slippers, his lunch, his sixth coffee in an hour. That said, I doubt Frank would be at all happy if he did suddenly find himself saddled with all

those old "first sex privileges". I don't think he realises how helpless my father feels in his deep culinary ignorance, how he panies when unforeseen events mean that he might have to put a ready-made meal into an oven all by himself, and how he does go hungry

My mother, who was brought up to believe it was unladylike to talk back, is in the habit of expressing her displeasure by cooking fragrant micromeals: the more heinous the crime, the fewer mouthfuls he could expect. I don't think Frank would

like it if I did that to him. He would accuse me of trying to emasculate him, and he would be right. He does all the cooking in our house, partly to iree me to do more work and earn more money. If I woke up tomorrow and told him that I had had enough of the workplace and wanted to devote myself to fetching his slippers and bring toasted cheese sandwiches to his desk, he would be right to accuse me of letting the family down and thinking only of myself.

As my father could tell him. these first sex privileges don't come cheap. Frank belongs to the first generation of men who could get married without necessarily taking on a lifetime dependent



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The most dangerous sexism is not in male attitudes, but in the idea that one sex has to take precedence over the other

So no, feminism hasn't been all debit for the men of the world. The proof of its success is in the number of issues that used to be considered wild and radical hairy-leg brigade territory, but are now part of basic humanitarianism.

o decent man in this country believes, for example, that turn a blind husbanos who beat their wives, or fathers who abuse their children. If a government came in with the proposal that we return to the good old days when women didn't fill out their own tax forms or hold their own bank accounts, most men would find it as laughable as women did.

But to say that attitudes have changed enough to make feminism obsolete, or that we have gone too far in the "other direction", is to misunderstand the problem. Culture, and not evil men acting in a conscious conspiracy, has

The most dangerous sexism is not in male attitudes per se, but in the idea that one sex has to take precedence over the other, and in the institutional details worked out over generations by men who think men are the first sex. it takes decades, perhaps and women

even centuries to change these things. If there isn't a feminist impetus, it just won't happen. If there isn't a feminist watchit's more than likely that we'll lose the rights we've already won. This is no because men are plotting to return us to the slot labelled "second sex", but because culture has a way of reverting to

type.
Of course, most men 1 know assume that you can't be a feminist without believing all men are bastards. They think so because this was the sort of thing a lot of prominent feminists said - and meant when the most recent movement began in the early Seventies. But the world was

different then. There really were two separate domains in those days - the public one in which men dominated, and the private one in which female dependents held their own by cooking delicious, but very tiny, meals. Now both worlds are peopled by men

As good as that might be for those of us who believe in problems. The global economy has created a market place that never goes to sleep and that we don't need it.

gives no man or woman a job for life. How to bring up a family? Own a house? Have a life? These are questions that neither Professor van X nor feminism can address alone but it is a mistake to suggest, as so many do today, that women have to stop calling themselves feminists before the real debate begins.

The day we can seriously consider putting feminism behind us, is the day when no man sees any point in arguing

WARRIOR CASTE

don't seem to know how to read each other any more. We fail to recognise the signals, we don't know who should make the moves and so, too often, we're motoring on parallel tracks. But rather than trade insults or retreat, why not admit to our mutual vulnerability and

Playing "cool", a useless concept even when it was first coined in the Sixties, has a lot to answer for. The idea is even more pathetic now - recycled as an accessory to brown hipsters and Mondrian shirts. Cool is what passionate people do when they're hidng. It's immubilising, infuriating, and essentially

solitary. The problem todas is not so much men behave badly, but that they don't do anything at all. Coul has led to emotional immobility and a sex-

ual stand-off that satures no one The Masai, considered by many to have "real men qualities, would never behave in such a way. Warriors dance, sing, cry, show tender-ness, laugh, fight a little (it's officially outlawed), talk a lot to their sweethearts, take care of



their families and communities. They may look tough, but they are true gentlemen with perfect manners. I know because I lived with Masai warriors and their

families in East Africa, and carried on a long romance with one. What did I find so refreshing? Openness, warmth, humour, and a complete lack of neurosis. As Gerald Hanley wrote in Warriors and Strangers, "A good definition of the ridiculous or the impos-

sible would be a Masai on a psychiatrist's couch talking about his sex problems or any other problems." Though certain taboos are observed, sex is guilt-free for both men and women. And though Masai society is patri-

archal and polygamous I found that women have a fair amount of power and sexual freedom. It is not uncommon with a warrior of her son's

generation, as long as she is discreet.

Real warriors are also fearless. How can a girl fail to be impressed when her lover dashes off naked into the night to chase away noisy hvenas?

Western men, black or white, cannot import what these warrior have - it's not for the taking — but they can learn a few lessons from the boys in the bush.

It is a very tough act to follow. These men are attractive because they out arrogance, knowing exactly where they stand in a society where roles are clear

cut and young men have status as defenders of the realm. These men an

truly in touch with their bodies. The Masai don't play drums: they use make music such as throaty singing. Then they channel the energy into making love, not

They are also unashamed to cry and get emotional. I've seen real warriors weep and shake when their mothers shave off their locks at the Eunoto ceremony. which marks the hood.

friend said: "Crying is not a weakness — why should it be? it just shows you have sad Unlike British men who

hang back when the going gets tough, these warriors defend their territory and their girlfriends. To my surprise, I rather liked it.

And they're actually great talkers, who communicate what they feel and think in a non-confrontational way without dwelling on the past. Disputes in Masailand are settled by talking. When I asked my boyfriend what most disputes were about, he said: "Division of labour and

Love is expressed freely. As my warrior later wrote: "I have been dreaming of you, then I decide to write ... I love you, and will keep on loving you forever.'

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A MAN'S PLACE

do not make much of a lad, at the best of times. My attempts at blokeishness almost always end in tears. But there used to be places that a man could go to, and one or two things that he could do, which allowed him to live the illusion once in a while. But all that has changed and manhood stands, as it were, on the edge of extinction. I used to go to

football, once a formight Unshaven, dressed in a sleeveless Union Jack T-shirt, rugged on Woodbines and hurled abuse at foreign players. And then along came Nick Hornby, and Skinner and Baddiel, and Patsy Kensit. and Anna Walker from Sky Sport. And suddenly football was a place for birds. And then girls. And then women. And then ladies. At first there were only a few nudge, nudge, wink wink Don't

like the look of

yours much - but

now there are rows

Why do women have to go to football?

and rows of them, singing and cheering and wearing the team colours. I have had to start shaving on Saturday mornings, as if I were going to a dinner party. I iron a shirt. dab on a spot of cologne and brush my hair. Tragic. Have you ever tried holding upon a rurnstile for a woman? If you can't spir, swear and smell bad, what can you do?

Women have begun to take part in every sphere of life that used to be reserved for maleness, and the result is that men are being repressed. So I spark up a fat cigar to

tap into that Churchill-

Schwarzenegger-Castro side

than those for the men's, have

of myself - the bearded, warwinning Terminator that lies dormant for most of the day And as I puff, I turn to the style pages to find that cigar-smok-ing is the in thing for women. That Demi Moore, Zoë Wanamaker, Madonna, even Twiggy, are rarely seen without one. Twiggy? I do not stick a great big nasty Romeo Y Julietta No. I in my gob so that can look like

> Poker has not been the same since a woman called Gloria took £250 off me in a hand at the Victoria Casino on Edgware Road, and said, as she raked in the chips: "I've seen that play so often I felt like saying 'hello'." Pool comes into the same bracket. Pool clubs used to be badass places where you put the cash on the table, tossed a coin, then smashed your opponent. Now you get drinks for your girlfriend while she

Hell's Angels queue quietly for a vacant table Nothing I do anymore, but nothing, marks me out as a man. The final word, after which I need say no more, is about nightclub lavatories.

started brazenly flouting urinai convention. "I need to pee just as much you, don't !?" said a young woman whom I challenged at the washbasins of a heaving

plays doubles with her mates, and the

Women, identifying that the queues for the ladies are, for obvious reasons, much longer

nightspot. I suppose she did.

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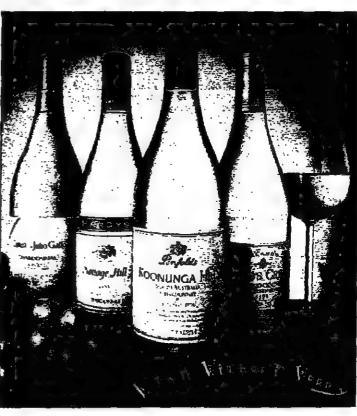
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John Major and the inevitability of appeasement

Alan Clark compares the Prime

Minister to Neville Chamberlain

ohn Major wound up his best electoral performance since the 1992 campaign - the Tinlormal" question and answer session on the stage at Bournemouth on Wednesday — with the assurance: "Next year... Same time: same place." Whether or not this undertaking can be met remains to be seen. Certainly it looks less unlikely

than a week ago.

But I think it is no longer premature to essay a preliminary ook at Mr Major's place in history. And, in particular, by a comparison with that of Neville Chamberlain, whose name - to the surprise of many at the time (five years ago) Mr Major offered when asked to identify which of his predecessors

Leaving aside for the moment their domestic achievements, there are remarkable similarities to their predicament. Each was faced with the problem of a European force which was rapidly growing in economic/military power and be-coming annually more intrusive. The reality for both prime minis-ters was that Britain simply did not have the independent strength to ignore — still less dely — this force absolutely. Some kind of diplomatic accommodation needed to be reached. Yet each suffered from a section of their own party, and a tranche of the press, who saw the issues in grossly oversimplified terms and regarded any search for compromise as betrayal.

Chamberlain's geostrategic vision was clear - if cynical. The purpose of appeasement (at that time a perfectly respectable word) placate Germany in the West while tolerating - covertly if possible - the "adjustment" of territorial boundaries in the East which could, and should, have made a conflict between Russia and Germany inevitable.

Indeed it had been Chamberlain's predecessor, Baldwin, who. at a private meeting in 1934, four years before the Munich crisis, said that the best chance for Britain's survival lay in the two dictatorships ("the Huns and the Bolshies", as he put it) bleeding each other to death or at least to impotence.

Mr Major has a similar assignment, in that patience and diplomatic guile are more likely to lead to the moderation of a force which despite its inherent contradicprofoundly menacing for British independence. If, or when, the European Union in its present form actually moves into a full federal structure with a single currency. the consequences should be clear to any unprejudiced observer. Social and economic imbalance, aggravated by bureaucratic incompetence and corruption, will rapidly bring about a situation which the Bundesbank cannot control.

Whether the German Government sees and acts on this before or after implosion takes place will be one of the conundrums of the next five years. But it will certainly be a situation, like the conflicts in eastern Europe in 1939, where Britain will be more comfortable as a spectator than as a participant.

Chamberlain had the advantage of a far larger parliamentary majority than Mr Major. Dissidents were fewer in number; nor were they popular, many of them. even in their own constituencies. Yet in the end, the pressures on Chamberlain were such that he had to enter into a series of pacts and regional alliances that were

both impractical and dangerous. In Mr Major's case he has suffered the additional vulnerability of a parliamentary majority so small that malcontents have been

CONFUSION hangs over the org-

anisation of this weekend's Refer-endum Party thrash in Brighton.

In public, the Cocktail Party is

putting on a show of languid

confidence. Try working out the

plan for the conference, however, and what emerges instead is a

Start with Friday night's enter-

tainments. First a Referendum

Rave was planned and then called

off as seeming too frivolous. What

is left is a round of dinners in

Brighton's Grand Hotel. The hot-

test ticket had seemed to be Lady

picture of gilded inertia.

able, often under a pretext that concealed their true, and frequently personal, motives, to disrupt business and exact concessions. And Mr Major, too, has been forced into the pretence, if not the substance, of seeking relationships with minor powers within the EU and apparently deluding himself with the notion that Britain was "speaking up for" the interests of the smaller continental nations. Like Chamberlain he has found himself compelled by the Foreign Office into a suppliant attitude to the French. whereas an earlier approach to establish mutuality of interest with Germany would have been more soundly based.

But, also like Chamberlain, Mr Major enjoys a private realism border on the cynical. The principal threat, both to the country's equilibrium and to unity of the Tory party, is the approaching deadline for joining in the single currency. Mr Major's finesse is to keep Britain on the tringe, a benign spectator, while this wholly impractical and now largely cosmetic - if not actually fraudulent - scheme starts on its short and calamitous life.

Even at its inception, the euro will be much weaker than the Swiss franc, the yen and the (existing) mark. Warping the convergence criteria, and deliberate obfuscation of all that transparency of data which the Bundesbank had originally been promised, will ensure that the whole structure collapses. It is as inevitable — though one assumes without loss of life on the same scale — as the collision between Germany and Russia in 1941 which Neville Chamberlain had foreseen as relieving the pressure on Britain.

Nor do the similarities end here. As well as virulent dissent from within his own parliamentary party, the Prime Minister has had to contend with a political opposition that is shamelessly opportunist. Just as the Labour Party in the 1930s was broadly pacifist, exploiting war weariness to oppose rearmament of any kind, so does it today pretend that "Europe" is no more than a source of additional benefit; of "fairness" through the social chapter; and, through the European Court, of a benignly intrusive political correctness.

ust as in the 1930s, the electormuch; or even to be capable of focusing on what is at stake. In party terms the dispute rages internally, and in the disputations of an intellectual elite. But, as in the 1940s, it will only assume real political significance when the electorate as a whole realises the extent to which they have been misled. and the damage they have suffered. This may yet be averted if Mr Major is allowed time to deploy his

ingenious, though certainly unherole, delaying tactics. Uust as one should remember that Chamberlain, although determined to avoid our declaring war and fighting on the mainland of Europe, did commission the eight-gun fighters, the Chain Home Radar system and much else to support our defence as an island.) At Bournemouth John Major said a revealing phrase: "I believe in the politics of reason." Let us hope for the country's sake that he is not rejected in favour of an individual whose policies are so redolent of the delusion that, to paraphrase Rab Butler, "politics is the art of the plausible".

Alan Clark's history of the Conservative Party from 1922-97. Tories and the Nation State, is to be published by Weidenfeld

political hostesses, the wife of Baroness Thatcher's former advis-

er Sir Charles Powell, was quickest

Now it emerges that not only will Sir James Goldsmith be spending

most of his evening shacked up

with his candidates rather than

with Lady Powell's dinner guests as

had been expected, but there is a

new entrant to the field: Lord

the party, wants to throw a dinner

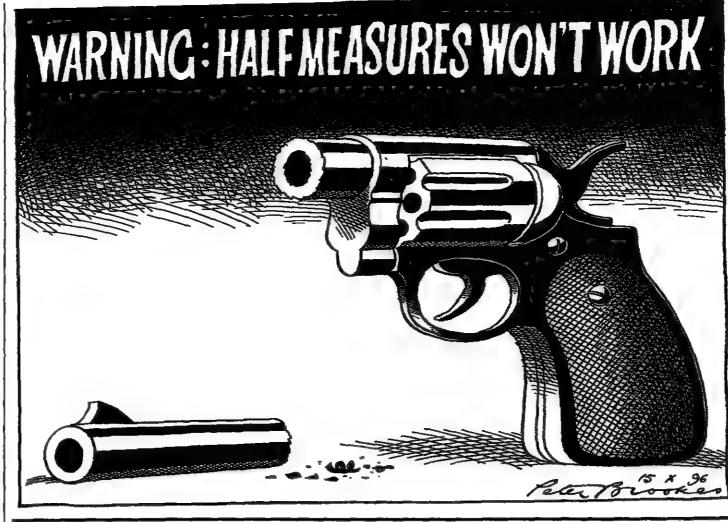
on the Friday night, but has found

McAlpine, having come late to

off the mark.

Party Whirl

Lady Powell and Lord McAlpine: dividing the workload



The overinformation

big hand now, please, for a new disease. Stepping into the limelight to take L its first bow is the very latest fin-de-millennium malady: Information Fatigue Syndrome. This is brought on by having too many pieces of information on tap, owing to the global electronic revolution and the fact that for the first time in history it is faster to process and transmit information than to read it (in the days of the quill pen and the manual typewriter, people thought twice before making the effort).

The disease has everything a modern ailment demands: panic attacks, palpitations, chronic exhaustion, joint pains, something called "e-mail rage", and sufferers prepared to testify that it took them live years' complete rest to get better. It can only be a matter of time before a celebrity succumbs in a public place, a pressure group is formed and poor Dr Stuttaford gets howled at again on the Rantzen

Excellent, keep it coming, all this needs saying. Knowledge is power report published this week says that one in four people get ill as a result of having to handle too much information. It costs British industry 30 million lost working days a year, or £2 billion. There you are, another statistic to make you feel even worse. Unfortunately, 85 per cent of the UK managers also said that they needed the information: as long as the stuff is out there somewhere, they want it, even if it makes them poorly.

The psychologist Dr David Lewis extends this gloomy dilemma wider: "Professional and personal survival in modern society," he says, "clearly depends on our ability to take on board vast amounts of new information. Yet that information is growing at an exponential rate". He cites the old chestnut that a weekday edition of The New York Times contains more information that a 17th-century man or woman would have come across in a lifetime; and points out that the sheer strain of wondering what we should know, and where it is, means that we make stupid decisions and throw our bodies into a primitive "flight-or-fight" response. Brain chemicals command us to put a fist through the climb a tree; instead we have to stay

that all his prospective guests have

already been snaffled up. So a

compromise has been reached. McAlpine explains: "Jimmy's doing the candidates. Lady Powell is

doing the pundits and I've got the

rest of the press. No big gathering

later on, just a few drinks and bed I

should think."

Cake talk

We are weighed down with useless facts - but a remedy is at hand

passively hunched over our reports, brochures, memos, manuals, graphs, tables and printouts, letng them eat us. And we get ill. Even Sunday at home becomes threatening. Just when we are

getting to grips with EMU or Sir Gordon Downey, we are distracted by being told which headlouse shampoos contain organophos-phates, that haddock may become extinct any minute, and that they have changed the rules on private pensions again. And that is before professional worries begin: in my handbag I have been carrying

around for eight months the telephone number of a man at Salomon Bros who (according to a former ief Whip I met plain EMU to me. him because there

are too many conflicting explanations lying unread in the desk drawer aiready. It is not only journalists or analysts who feel a lurking guilt: everyone except a few lucky mystics, dimwits and drunks has moments when they wail: "Why don't I know more about Mars. prison reform, Kabul. carbon-dating and which of the current round-the-world yacht races is which? The information's

Take heart. It is not defeatist or obscurantist to admit that not everybody can know everything. Information is not the same as knowledge, and has little to do with wisdom or skill. Information is just random ammunition: witness the editor of Handgun magazine waffling on the Today programme yesterday about how two-thirds of a tenth of 1 per cent, or possibly onethird of half a per cent, of British homicides were caused by legal guns. Mr Stevenson might have been a good apologist for his sport if he had stuck to explaining it and thinking hard about making it safer; he tried instead to be an instant expert on crime statistics, and got nowhere. Politicians, not satisfied with being half-baked amateur sociologists, feel obliged to

show their cultural breadth by singing cod Gilbert-and-Sullivan doggerel which doesn't even scan (a terrible cry went up in this house during Mrs Bottomley's rendition of her anti-Blair conference song: "If this is Heritage, give me the mess of pottage!"). We can't all be good at everything; we can't all know everything. It is worth quoting correctly, for once, Pope's much misused lines:

"A little learning is a dang'rous

Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring.

There shallow draughts intoxi-And drinking Given that the

heads 24 hours a day, there are two

cures for information overload: one immediate and practical, the other touching on a trouble so deep that it will take longer. The quick fix is obvious: erect

filters. This takes determination. Zoologically, we are programmed to be distracted by everything. A wildebeest would not last long if it were too busy eating to notice the fresh lion-droppings round the waterhole. We instinctively swivel to every stimulus, but this must stop. Blind eyes must be cultivated. pages turned, choices made.

In the business world, growing services provide business people with terse one-page newsletters on selected themes. Internet servers offer ever more sophisticated search facilities (though a correspondent of this paper claims to have been looking for "zen" and got alt.sex.seniorcitizens. That's his story and he's sticking to it). Businesses should make a priority of setting up filtering systems, and discourage e-mail abuse. For the rest of us, it is notable that the publishing success of the year is The Week, a 30-page digest of British and foreign media done with wit, a genius precis and such comforting headings as "Boring but important". In a year it has come from a garage office and 1,000 subscribers to more than 10,000. It provides a fine security blanket for those who get anxious about missing things. With self-discipline and such

aids, filtering is possible and real experience again becomes visible over the mound of information. But now the difficult bit: if we are not to try and know everything, we have to trust other people to. But while information is a glut commodity, trust has never been scarcer. The alarming slide in the reputation of public service in general and Parliament in particular is something that government has done remarkably little to halt, not even bothering to enforce the register of MPs interests. Trust in professionals crumbles apace: government accelerated this process through years of viciously insulting teachers. clergy, and public services. And who really trusts banks, since BCCI and Barings? Or IMRO. which gave the Maxwell pension schemes a clean bill of health?

In medicine, mutual trust is threatened by spiralling litigation. In commerce, it is crushed between marketplace ethics and aggressive consumer rights movements. We are unsure of what is in our food. In employment, casualisation and weasel contracts make it foolish to trust your employer or your employee. Everyone watches their back, all the time.

ut to do this you need a lot of information, too much to take in and still get your own job done. Panic is never far from the most ordinary aspects of life. Come now - do you really understand how your PEP works? Or did you just choose it because you liked the logo of the Mutual Equitable and Hardly At All Dodgy Investment Trust?

That, really, is the problem. Society is very complicated now. Unless we restore trust in one another and in the professions, the outlook is grim. We will all chase so many facts that we lose our grip and enter a dark age of rumour. Unless we each drink deeper at our own well of learning, and trust those at the adjacent springs, we shall grow even less good at making rational decisions. The field will be left to snake-oil merchants, soothsayers with blue plastic pyramids and foxily eloquent journalists. Nightmare.

Sleaze: a bad new 🖏 wheeze

Labour's smears

will backfire, says Woodrow Wyatt

S o Labour and the Lib Dems have made a pact jointly to hurl sleave Government and Tory MPs. That makes a change. In April, at the Staffordshire South East by-elec-tion, the Lib Dems bitterly attacked Labour for its smear campaign against their candidate.

For Labour, sleaze is a cover to divert attention from the emptiness and obscurity of its somersaulting policies and promises. For the Lib Dems, it is a publicity stunt to cash in on the addition to their ranks of 1. Peter Thurnham, the member for Bolton North East. Mr Thurnham's majority of 185 in 1992 was further threatened by a boundary change. But for Mr Major - who, to general surprise, won the election and carried to victory Tory candidates who otherwise would have been defeated - Mr Thurn-

ham would not have held his seat. This man of principle was looking for a safe Tory seat. With a house in Westmorland and Lonsdale, he thought he would be onto a good thing to succeed the retiring Michael Jopling, whose majority was a healthy 10,000. Mr Thurnham thought Central Office support was his due. But did not even ask him to attend an interview. Officially they said that, at 58, he was too old and they wanted someone younger. Privately, they

thought little of him. Thurnham was enraged and mysteriously blamed Mr Major. with whom (together with his wife) he had an interview before he announced last February that he would no longer take the Tory whip. If Westmorland had adopted him he would still be rooting for Major. Set on revenge, he timed his announcement for the end of last week's party conference, intending to damage Mr Major's spectacular success. Mr Thurnham said he could no longer bear the sleaze among Tory MPs and the Prime

Minister's failure to deal with it. It is possible to question his sincerity, though his wife's loss of enthusiasm for baking cakes for Tory functions sounds genuine. His claim that a knighthood was hinted at to keep him quiet is fantasy. Knighthoods are never given to Tory MPs so briefly and unreliably in the Commons.

Chief cheerleader for the Lib-Lab aim to make sleaze a big issue at next May's election is The Guardian. It has made use, whether accurately or not, of documents lodged with the court in the collapsed Hamilton libel case. If these documents are the only source of the allegations, then The Guardian would appear to have committed contempt of court. hope the appropriate legal authorities will now investigate.

Targeting sleaze is a dangerous game, running the risk of a boomerang. When Tony Blair was a shadow minister h accepted, through the offices of the now notorious Ian Greer acting for businessmen opposing a Washington Unitary Tax, a free return trip to the United States on Concorde He did not declare the expenses of his visit in the Members Register of Interests. When this was referred to the Committee of Privileges, whipped Labour MPs walked out before he could be censured. Now the complaint is that David Willetts, a former whip, offered advice to Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Privileges Committee chairman, when the Hamilton affair came before it. Tu quoque.

The Lib-Lab mesalliance complained yesterday that the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey, lacks the resources and a wide enough remit to investigate the Hamilton affair. Downing Street has promised him full documentation and any extra staff he may need to report quickly. Was it sleaze when John Prescott, whom I like, got into violent conflict with Customs for his omission to declare dutiable goods? Mr Blair thought Baroness Turner of Camden's directorship of lan Greer's strange outfit, and her defence of its practices, looked like sleaze and promptly removed her from the Opposition from bench in the Lords. But the facts had been known for a long time, so why not act sooner?

Along with the legislatures of Scandinavia and the old Commonwealth, ours is the least corrupt. But always some will fall. John Stonehouse, once a Labour minister, sensationally did it and went to prison. He had conspired with his mistress, Sheila Buckley, to fake his disappearance while swimming to enable them to live on money stolen from his own companies. Australian police arrested him thinking he was the missing Lord Lucan.

that politicians are only in it for themselves. They usually suffer from Milton's last infirmity of noble mind (longing for fame). on all sides there is a deep sense of service and duty. Mounting a sleaze campaign against the Tories blackens Parliament, as the Speaker complained vesterday, and is another cause of my distillusion with Tony Blair, who I thought was above defiling himself with pitch.

President of Ecuador, and currentitems which they bought were two ly bestriding his native pop charts with his single "The Madman in cement mixers.

Cap happy Members of the Romanian National Opera currently touring Britain have had a new clause inserted

NO ONE is happier for Damon Hill than the members of the London Rowing Club, whose blue and white colours he wears on his helmet as his father did before him. Last week the club sent out a consignment of eight of their caps to the Williams team mechanics who wore them in the pits on Sunday as Hill clinched his world title.

Graham Hill had been a successful oarsman for the club while Hill Jr., though not known for his sculling, is an honorary member. "We were delighted to see our colours victorious off the water as well as on," said Nigel Smith, club secretary, "We will be raising a glass to Damon at our club dinner."

 Asked by Good Housekeeping to name their husbands' most annoy-ing characteristic both Hillary Rodham Clinton and Elizabeth Dale came up with the same one: channel-hopping. Like most men. my husband is an avid channel surfer," said the First Lady. Mrs Dole was more blunt: "Bob and I enjoy watching television together in the evenings, but he always channel-surfs. It drives me nuts."



THE Tory backlash against Peter Thurnham, defective MP for Bolton North East, is turning nasty with his local Conservative association accusing his wife of lying about her baking habits. Yester-day. Sarah Thurnham claimed in this newspaper that she has baked "hundreds of cakes" for the Conservagive Party over the years garner-ing little reward for her husband in the process.

John Walsh, an officer and for-

mer chairman of Bolton North East Conservatives, claims never to have clapped eyes on Mrs Thurnham, let alone chewed on her Dundee cake. "She did not deliver a single cake to association events the whole time I was there," he insists. Taking the argument onto the high ground, he adds: "The only cake of hers I ever sampled was one she made to thank us after the general election way back in 1987.

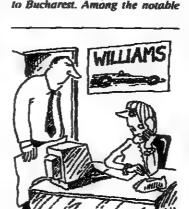
● Padre Pio had his stigmata, the Devil his 666, but for Liberal Dem-

ocrat MPs the mark is a black bruise under the third fingernail of the right hand. As Paddy Ashdor showed off Peter Thurnham, MP, over the weekend, he noticed that his newest recruit shared this same distinguishing feature. Ashdown said that he came by his black spot when he trapped his digit in a car door. Thurnham's was caused by an aggressive filing cabinet.

Font fun

OUITO will be the scene of one of the more exotic Catholic ceremonies tomorrow as Silvana Ibarra. Ecuador's leading pop-singer, has her first born christened. The child's godmother will be Lorena Bobbitt, amateur surgeon, and a close schoolfriend of lharra before leaving Foundar for America and

her fateful marriage. His godfather will be Abdala Bucaram, former Olympic hurdler.



in their contract: any excess bag-gage will have to be paid for. The rule change follows a mammoth

shopping spree enjoyed by the 200-

strong company the last time it toured here. On that occasion an

additional pantechnicon had to be

hired to take their purchases home

Damon needs another P45. He's spilt champagne over the one we gave him.

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POWERS AND PROCEDURES

Sir Gordon must have the authority to clear Parliament's name

Madam Speaker has grasped the nettle. Parliament's reputation and the public's faith in public life have been endangered by the allegations against Neil Hamilton and others. She has asked for "all necessary steps" to be taken to investigate this matter fully. The step most needful would have been the establishment of a tribunal of inquiry. The powers and procedures of such a tribunal would have ensured an investigation which could command public confidence. The Government's refusal to set up an inquiry is an opportunity missed. Instead, maners will be dealt with by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey, If Sir Gordon's inquiry is to restore faith in the Commons then its members must delegate powers to him similar to those any tribunal might have exercised.

The Government argues that no tribunal could be set up because it would infringe the Bill of Rights, which holds that no outside body can question proceedings in Parliament. The Government's regard for constitutional proprieties would command more respect if it had not acquiesced in the amendment of the same Bill of Rights to allow Mr Hamilton to waive privilege and pursue The Guardian in his now aborted legal action. The Bill of Rights was established to protect Parliament from an over-mighty executive. Now it appears that the executive is invoking the Bill of Rights to protect itself while Parliament's reputation continues to suffer. If the Bill of Rights can be amended to allow one man to clear his name then is it right that it should be interpreted to prevent the whole of the Commons safeguarding its reputation?

It would have been decisively in John Major's interest to establish a tribunal. Even after a successful conference, sleaze allegations persist in undermining his administration. Decisive action which saw allegations investigated openly and the innocent cleared by a body untainted by association with the political process might have done much to restore faith in that process and his party. There is, after all, evidence of contact hetween a government whip and committee chairman which suggests that the executive may have influenced parliamentary procedure during a previous Commons inquiry. The most effective means of rebuilding confidence in Parliament would be for it to yield gracefully to a tribunal.

Unfortunately, it appears that no such hody will be set up and so the Speaker is right to ask, in the interests of Parliament, that Sir Gordon be given the necessary powers to investigate matters authoritatively. Ideally, the whole House should now vote to give Sir Gordon powers to subpoena, compel evidence to be given under bath and allow cross-examination. Anything less would not allow Mr Hamilton, and others, their rights in natural justice. The evidence of Mr Hamilton's main accuser must be tested as stringently as it

would be in court before judgment is passed. By declining to establish an enquiry, the Government is placing a heavy burden on Sir Gordon. It must allow him to ask, in public, the necessary questions of all the participants. At stake is more than one administration's reputation; it is the standing of Parliament. A truly Tory Government should accept that the institution is more important than any of its current tenants.

FAMILY FIRST

Blair has started but not finished the argument

The best test of Tony Blair's speech on family values yesterday will be to see who disagrees with it. If it is not to be merely a political tactic, it must contain genuine elements of contention. As ever with the Labour leader. those who are most likely to disagree with his analysis and prescriptions are those on his left. Although his views on the family are probably in tune with Labour's traditional voters, it will be fascinating to see if Labour's interest groups accept the challenge.

Mr Blair did not call for a return to the 1950s nuclear family. Women's fulfilment sparkling kitchen floor. What Mr Blair amented was the loss of "decent British values". His vision of a "decent society" was summed up as one whose values are based on those of the extended family, where members have a duty to care for one another, where giving is as important as taking and responsibilities sit alongside ghts. The family itself he recognised as the best training ground for inculcating these virtues, without which a decent society cannot function. So the family is extolled both as metaphor and reality.

The policy prescriptions that extend from this include a collective duty to attend to the new underclass, individual duties on parents to restrain their wayward children and the duty of the welfare recipient to accept work or training opportunities in return for benefit. Government itself, meanwhile, should assess for each of its policies the

impact that it will have on the family. This sounds reminiscent of John Major's ill-fated attempt to go back to basics in 1992. But while Mr Major was obscure in his original prescription and seemed to want to roll back the permissive society. Mr Blair has taken immediate pains to emphasise that he is talking about personal morality in its widest sense, not as a euphemism for

It is hard to bemoan family breakdown without recognising the part that marital infidelity plays in divorce. Both leaders agree that the disintegration of the family is the main cause of today's more disorderly society. While Mr Major blamed the 1960s for this, Mr Blair blames the 1980s. The Prime Minister's view is that the quest for self-fulfilment led to moral relativism, antiauthoritarianism and divorce. The Labour leader sees the individualistic 1980s as a time when those who could get on did, and those who could not were left to fester, leading to class, in which the traditional family is rare.

Which man is right? The economic changes of the 1980s certainly brought a huge shrinkage in the number of jobs available to unskilled men. Unemployed, and largely unemployable, youths are bad marriage prospects. Meanwhile, the benefit and tax systems have created disincentives to marriage, particularly for the poor and unemployed. The result has been a rise in never-married mothers, and a generation of men who have not been socialised by the need to provide for a family.

Mr Blair has problems too. The Prime Minister can make a good case for how the "me" generation of the 1960s put personal satisfaction before all other responsibilities. It is easier to make serious argument about the damage caused by ideas of 30 years ago. The 1980s are still too close for arguments about them to be as sure.

The Labour leader is right in principle, and realistic, in acknowledging that women cannot be sent back to the kitchen. But he has to accept too that adults have no inalienable right to the pursuit of happiness when children are involved. Such a statement will infuriate the liberal wing of his party, not just the Left. This still unbroken taboo, however, is the logical conclusion to the argument he has begun.

AUSTRIAN ANXIETIES

Haider's success should surprise no one

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The elections were only to the European Parliament, but the voting figures reverberate beyond the parliament's walls and Haider's Freedom Party took its highest share of the vote since it burst on to the Austrian political scene a decade ago and Herr Haider now stands closer than ever to his objective of breaking up his country's ingrained habits of consensual coalition politics. Herr Haider's success may have sent a shiver down Europe's spine but no one can credibly claim to be surprised. Austria's mainstream parties show precious little sign of having learnt any useful lessons from the Freedom Party's steady rise.

breaker do not efface his less attractive side. He tells foreign interviewers that he rejects immigration policies designed on racial lines while proposing tough immigration controls and insulting Turks, Bosnians and gypsies. His party's slate includes a Jewish candidate, but Herr Haider seems unworried when young members of his party deface Jewish graves or the police uncover connections between his followers and neo-

but the argument which has propelled the Freedom Party to new heights exploits disappointment with Austria's membership of the EU. A survey released yesterday and funded by the European Commission found that after the also-disillusioned Swedes. Austrians were the least enthusiastic nation in the EU. The protest vote gathered by Herr

Haider registers disappointment which was inevitable after the social democrat-conservative coalition had encouraged such inflated hopes during a referendum on Austrian membership two years ago. Ministers furthered the impression that food prices would fall, that jobs would survive and that monetary union would be a painless fusion with a currency similar to. the deutschmark next door.

Food prices did not fall. The Government has just introduced a savage austerity budget made necessary by the Maastricht timetable for the single currency. Membership of the single market is slowly corroding the corporatist assumptions on which Austrian politics and the economy have been run for four decades. A society fixed from the top has been put on a crash course of learning about market forces.

These changes are long overdue. But decades of government by a two-party club has led to political inbreeding: politicians can no longer sense what voters want or will tolerate. A moribund consensus breeds extremism. Do Austria's politicians understand what will happen to their economy in a monetary union? A British politician recently warned that an ill-judged monetary union could create "a reaction amongst the people that could be severe, nationalist in tone and dangerous." That prediction came not from a Tory Eurosceptic but from Tony Blair. Europe's politicians who have so blithely sown the wind of monetary union are now reaping the whirlwind.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Call for limits on sex-crimes register

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From the Director of Liberty

Sir. Last Tuesday at the Conservative Party conference the Home Secretary reaffirmed his intention to introduce a register of paedophiles.

This proposal, as set out in last June's Home Office consultation docuntent. Sentencing and Supervision of Sex Offenders, does not confine the offenders to be included on the register only to those convicted of sex offences against children and young peo-ple. As it stands, most people consict-ed of any sex offence would be required to register.

This gives us deep concern. We believe that the proposed measures should exclude all who have engaged n consensual sexual acts, such as those gay offences between consenting adults which remain criminalised and for which there is no heterosexual

Society's grave concerns over the safety of those who cannot protect themselves is well founded. However any proposed legislation must be properly targeted against those who pose an actual risk, and it is a grave error to equate those who commit violent crimes with those whose crimes have no victim: to apply the same broad brush to both these groups does a disservice not only to those who have been convicted of victimless crimes but also to those who have been affected by violent sexual crimes such as rape, especially child rape.

We therefore urge the Home Office to remove all consensual acts from the list of offences covered by the proposed register.

Yours faithfully, JOHN WADHAM,

DIANA LAMPLUGH. GERISON LANSDOWNE. Children Rights Develo ANGELA MASON.

JOHN REA PRICE, National Council for Civil Liberties, 21 Tabard Street, SE1. October 14.

'Three-strikes' policy

From Professor Emeritus A. M. Coleman

Sir, John Harding, the Chief Probation Officer for Inner London (letter, October 2), mentions only the temporary, negative effect of California's mandatory "three strikes and you're out" sentencing policy and not the pos-itive side, which has already begun and promises to be long term.

The positive side is a substantial drop in crimes being committed now. Many potential re-offenders are being deterred by the heavier penalties.

The negative side concerns earlier crimes already at the stage of prosecution. Criminals know that they can no longer escape full punishment by pleading guilty to a lesser crime in order to receive a shorter sentence in return for not wasting court time. Plea bargaining of this sort has meant that the convenience of the judicial system took precedence over fairness in the justice administered.

Now that recidivists face an automatic life sentence, they have nothing to gain from plea bargaining. Their options are only life imprisonment or acquittal, and for any hope of the latter they must plead "not guilty" and go to trial. This is what is clogging the courts; but once the initial backlog has been dealt with, the diminution of contemporary crime will leave the courts

The initial problem should be less in this country, as plea bargaining is less common, and the Government has been relieving the courts by enlarging the scope for small claims to be transferred elsewhere.

Yours sincerely.
ALICE COLEMAN, King's College London, Department of Geography, Strand, WC2.

Powers of the Bar

From Mr Neil Addison

Sir. The suggestion that the Irins of Court might try to disbar barristers who have also qualified as solicitors (Law, October 8) would be a wholly unjustified abuse of the Bar's powers of self regulation. Professionals should only be expelled from their profession if they are guilty of dishonourable conduct or professional in-

Rather than wasting time on this pointless exercise, the leadership of the Bar should get on with modernising the Bar's archaic rules so as to allow barristers to deal with clients directly, to form partnerships or to

work as advocates in solicitors firms. Such a change would remove the reasons why barristers are requalifying as solicitors in the first place.

Yours faithfully. **NEIL ADDISON** (Member of the Bar Council). 5 Garsdale Road. Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. October 8.

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'Crisis' of recruitment affecting the Church of England

From the Reverend J. Waddington-Feather

Sir. The movement away from tradi-tional superdiaried parish priess ('Church of England faces recruit-ment crisis', report, October 9) may mark a healthy sea change. In fact, it's a move back to the structure of the early Christian Church, where the lairy took a very active role in pastoral min-

Pastoral responsibilities, such as visiting the sick and those in prison, were undertaken then by lay people. That is happening again increasingly today and making the Church more like the Body of Christ, a Church earing for the community it is part of.

With that in mind it's sad that the Reverend Stephen Trutt, of the MSF umon's clergy section, should think the non-stipendiary priest may provide "a reduced quality of clergy being available to the parishes". Such a priest is part of a team, not someone apart trying to shoulder all the responsibilities his tellow parishioners should have been sharing in, as was all too often the case in the past.

Mr Tron's thinking is outdated and misleading, as well as being offensive to conscientious non-supendiary priests and lay people alike.

Yours faithfully. JOHN WADDINGTON-FEATHER (Secretary, Hereford Diocese non-stipendiary ministers), Fair View, Old Coppice. Lyth Bank, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

From Mr Anthony W. Archer

Sir. Your report on Church of England recruitment in no way reflects the picture which I see as a member of General Synod and the Advisory Board of Ministry.

Caution is needed when projecting the number of clergy in the future. Over the past 100 years occasional fails in numbers have always been reversed. Readers and other laity increasingly share in the pastoral work traditionally done by the clergy. Nor is account taken of the 5,000 retired clergy, most of whom continue their

Furthermore, to say that only about

20 traditionalists hold a freehold is natently wrong. There is today at least that rumber in training alone in two of the theological achieges.

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY W. ARCHER, Manor End. Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshine.

From the Vicar of Thurgarton

Sir, Although the effect of "down-sizing" in industry has been criticised, the Church of England remains wed to describing its workforce, assuming that it will survive on the good works of a volunteer army of non-stipendlary ministers and other part-

Bishops may appear to deplore the dwindling numbers offering themselves for full-time ministry, but they are at one in advocating a future which dispenses with the services of

the paid ciergy.
We need an independent royal commission to examine the future of the Church of England, Without it we are being presented with a visionless strategy, destined to enude our national Church as we now know it, and where none will benefit except the fund-managers of Anglicanism — the Church Commissioners,

Yours etc. ANDREW de BERRY (Executive member, MSF union). The Vicarage, Southwell Road, Thurgarion, Nottinghamshire, October 10.

From the Reverend Michael Fass

Sir, The Reverend Stephen Trott states that non-stipendiary ministers (NSMs) are not available to the territorially based parish in the same way as the stipendiary priest. In the Edin-burgh diocese all NSMs are licensed to a parish and have a variety of pastoral duties in addition to taking services. For example, I am responsible for a group of people who are out of

While the parish priest looks after the very young and the very old, many NSMs have active ministries at workplaces which is where most parishioners spend much of their time.

As clergy deployment alters the Church needs to integrate these complementary ministries and not perpetunte the differences.

I remain, yours etc. (NSM, Penicuik and West Linton). 3) Fountainhall Road, Edinburgh 9,

From Mr G. E. Miller

Str. The Church of England has failed to recognise that many talented men and women are retiring earlier, including a good number with long experience in church work leg, as licensed readers). Many have held responsible positions in other professions and management and still have much to

What is needed is a more positive approach by bishops and dergy to identify suitable older candidates ruther than leaving the initiative to the minority who offer themselves. In the meantime, many lost to the ordained ministry will no doubt continue to seek alternative fulfilment by running charities and other voluntary groups.

I have no personal axe to grind; at nearly 62 i am clearly past my self-by

Yours faithfully. G. E. MILLER (Licensed reader). 66 Ashley Road, Bathford, Bath, Somerset. October 9.

From the Reverend J. R. M. Cook

Sir. Recently, numbers attending selection conferences are slightly up, but greater than a numerical increase is the need for ordinands who are ortho-

dox and of high integrity. In 1995, the average age of men being ordained was 35 years and two months, which indicates there is a need to give particular attention to encouraging vocations amongst under-graduates and in our youth groups.

Yours faithfully, JOHN R. M. COOK (Director of Training), All Souls Church, Langham Place, WI.

Noises off

From Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP for From Mr John Hardman Manchester, Gorton (Labour)

Sir, Matthew Parris ("Noises off enliven a prosaic performance", October 12) records that John Major woncheers in his Tory party conference speech when "a baby began whimpering", by retorting: "What I'm talking about is that child's future." Consciously or unconsciously, Major was committing an act of plagiarism.

On October 10, 1964, during that year's general election campaign. Harold Wilson as Leader of the Opposition addressed a public meeting in Queensferry. The mother of a baby who started whimpering during Wilson's speech began to take the infant out. Wilson called out: "Don't take him away, this election is about his

Wilson had the additional impromptu wit to continue: "Anyway his contribution to this meeting is much more intelligent and much more mature than that of any Young Conserva-tive I've had to deal with."

In the ensuing general election, the nation's voters decided to entrust that baby's future to the Labour Party, just as they are likely to entrust to the Labour Party the future of the baby who interrupted Major.

Yours sincerely GERALD KAUFMAN. House of Commons.

Minimum wage

From Mr Donald S. Brown

Sir, Why not enhance the dignity of labour by linking a statutory minimum wage to the statutory abolition of tipping? Yours faithfully,

DONALD S. BROWN. 5 The Paddocks, Uphill. Weston-super-Mare, Somerset. October 10.

Nanny's rules From Mrs Heather Wood

Sir, I read your report on the Dulwich Nanny Agency (From Mary Poppins to status symbol." October 10) with amazement. It seems that on the one hand the nannies supplied by this gency insist on being treated as one of the family, yet on the other hand they refuse to take rubbish out and want "sole use" of a car. Nannies, like other employees, should be treated with courtesy and consideration, but one of the family? Spare us. What a contrast with the obituary of

the namey Ruth Anslow (October 12). We are told that she would roll up her sleeves and help in any domestic crisis, and that after a lazy Sunday lunch she alone of the party noticed a small child falling into a swimming pool and plunged in to rescue him. The Dulwich nannies sound as if they would have been negotiating their overtime rates as the poor child cavired.

Yours faithfully, HEATHER WOOD, 55 Sotheby Road, N5. October 13.

Crossing the floor

Sir, Your report today on the departure of Mr Peter Thurnham from the Conservative Party is fair as far as it goes, but I would add an important

Mr Thurnham held Bolton NE in 1987 and 1992 against heavy odds and on the back of exceptionally hard work for the constituency. The Conservative Party has been happy to take the benefit of his devotion to duty, which is obviously fair enough in political life; but is not the party's shifty and spiteful reaction to Mr Thurnham's statements and decision itself somewhat sleazy?

Yours faithfully, JOHN HARDMAN, l Ravenswood, Chorley New Road. Bolton, Lancashire. October 14.

From Sir Robert Sanders

Sir, With reference to recent parliamentary events, readers may be interested in a proposal of the commission appointed to review the Fiji Constitum. published in September.

The commission proposes that the constitution should provide that the seat of a member becomes vacant ... if the member resigns from the registered political party for which he or she was a cardidate at the time of election to Parliament, or, by reason of conduct in or relating to the pruceedings of Parliament, the member is in breach of the rules concerning party distributes contained in the cornelisation of Ty discipline contained in the constitution of such a party, and is for that reason expelled from the party, under the rules about expul-sion contained in that constitution and in conformity with the requirements of natur

Yours faithfully. ROBERT SANDERS (Secretary to the Cabinet, Government of Fiji, 1970-79), 6 Park Manor. Crieff, Perthshire. October 13.

Conserving antiquity

From Mr G. de la Bêdoyêre

Sir, There are graffiti, and there are graffiti on archaeological sites (letters.

On the base of one of the Colossi of Memnon, across the Nile from Luxor. is the scratched announcement: Camilius, hora prima semis audivi Memnoni. It means, "At half-past the first hour I. Camilius, have heard the Memnon", a reference to the noise the cracked colossus made daily when the rising sun warmed it. Camilius was, I believe, an early second-century governor of the province of Egypt. The noise ceased when the statue was repaired many years later.

Personally, I was captivated, If Camilius was a vandal he had an eye for the moment, and I am pleased to have shared it with him.

Yours faithfully. G. de la BEDOYERE. 20 Eltham Park Gardens, Eltham, SE9. October 10.

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Independent women

From Mrs Elizabeth Dean

Sir. Is not the psychologist Dorothy "Until the early part of this century most women had no way of supporting themselves, unless they worked in domestic service, or as prostitutes or had inherited money" (article. Octo-

What of Marie Curic, Florence Nightingale, Jane Ausien. Charlotte Bronte, George Eliot, Dorothea Beale, not to mention the countless musicians, teachers and governesses this country always produced who, we trust, managed to avoid some of the above-mentioned options.

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH DEAN, 52 Addison Avenue, Wil. October 10.

Dinner for six

From Mrs Renée Armstrong

Sir, I would be more than happy for Frances Bissell to cook a dinner for six in my home (letter, October 9): perhaps it would show my husband how very well I cope in an awful kitchen which he will not agree to refurbish because "it works all right".

Yours faithfully. RENEE ARMSTRONG. Heybridge House, Mill Hill,

Shenfield, Brentwood, Essex.

Watch on the Rhine

From Mr Andrew Sims

Sir, I was interested to read about the virtually insurmountable problems facing the transpennine canal project (leading article, "Hadrian's canal", October II; also letter, same day). Perhaps a solution lies in a sentence in your subsequent leader, "Deutschmarks and Spencer, on Marks & Spencer's new store in Cologne: "until today the nearest outlet to Germany has been Strasbourg: now the Rhine has been crossed".

Just as the new store in Cologne, like Strasbourg, is situated to the west of the river, a canal which starts and ends on the same side of the Pennines will surely be much easier to design and cheaper to build.

Yours faithfully. ANDREW SIMS. Gauss-strasse 9, 53125 Bonn. October II.

Face-saving

From Mrs Edward Wake-Walker

Sir. Imagine, after nearly 14 years of marriage, the trauma of learning for the first time about your husband's bathroom problems in the Letters page of The Times (October 12).

I have naturally told him to go and boil his slimy flannel (along with his head) and to consult closer to home in

Yours faithfully, FIONA WAKE-WALKER, 5 West Street. Kingston, Wareham, Dorset. October 13.

beyond the borders of Austria. Joerg

Herr Haider's abilities as a mould-



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 14: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace to mark the Seventieth Anniversary of the Council for the Protection of Rural England and were received by the President (Mr Jonathan Dimbleby) and the Chairman (the Lord Markesford).

Markesford).
His Royal Highness, Patron, Out-ward Bound Trust, this afternoon

ward Bound Trust, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Frogmore House. Windsor Home Park.
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Lord Mayor's Appeal for St. John. Ambulance. Dinner at Guildhall, London EC2.
The Baroness Miller of Hendon Ranness in Waitiont was consent at Hardings was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of The President of the Republic of Moldova

and Mrs Snegur and welcomed the on behalf of The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 14: The Princess Royal this marning opened the new offices of Lucent Technologies, Windmill Hill Business Park, Swindon, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire (Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston) Her Bryal Highness, Patron, British Executive Services Overseas, this afternoon attended the Annual GenLondon WCI. The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this evening held a Reception at Buckingham

KENSINGTON PALACE October 14: The Princess Margaret, October 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this evening visited the London and Provincial Antique Dealers' Association An-tiques Fair and Reception, held at the Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, London, SW7, in aid of London Lighthouse of which Her Royal Highness is Patron.

KENSINGTON PALACE October 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs. Michael Harvey at the Me-morial Service for Madame Kazuko Aso which was held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Farm Street, London WI, this morning.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 14: The Duke of Kent this evening attended a reception at Buck's Club, Clifford Street, London THATCHED HOUSE LODGE October 14: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Lady Moyra Campbell at the Memorial Service for Madame Kazuko Aso which was held

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Royal engagements

eral Meeting and Annual Review at the Confederation of British Industry, Centre Point, New Oxford Street.

The Duke of Edinburgh will present the World Ship Trust's Maritime Heritage Award and awards for individual achievement at Bucking-ham Palace at 10.30; as patron and trustee, will attend receptions at St James's Palace for young people who have achieved the gold standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, at 11.30 and 4.00; and will attend a dinner given by the Anglo-Chilean Society for President Frei of Chile at the Park Lane Hotel at 7.25.

The Princess Royal, as President of Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees, at BT Centre, EC1, at 11.00; as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will visit Westminster Safer Cities at the Council House, Maryle-bone Road. NWI, at 1.10, and The Fourth Feathers Youth Club, Resentore Road, NWI, at 2-15; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the industry and commerce group meeting and cor-Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

Princess Margaret, as President of Friends of the Elderly and Gentleolk's Help, will attend a performanc given by the students and members of the English National Ballet at the English National Ballet School, Carlyle Building, Hornersia Road, SW10, at 7.55. In aid of the school and the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help.

The Duchess of Gloucester will visit Vale House Community Centre, Vale Park, Magazine Lane, New Brighton, 21 1.40: will open Sycamore Lodge. Learning Disabilities Centre, Greenheys Road, Wallasey, at 2.40; and will visit Premier Brands, Pasture Road, Moreton, Wirral, at 3.30.

Princess Alexandra, as Patron of the Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust, will open the Kent Wing of the hospital at Hamstel Road, Harlow,

Luncheons Rotary Club of London

The Lord Mayor of Westminster the Rousry Club of London held vestenday at the Portman Hotel. Mr Bill Cowen, president, was in

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Virgil, Roman poet. Andes, near Mantua, Italy, 70BC; Akbar I, the Great, Mughal emperor of India 1556-1605, Umarkot, Sind. India. 1542: Evangelista Torricelli, designer of the barometer. Faenza, Italy, 1608; Friedrich Nietsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; John L. Sullivan. champion heavyweight boxer, Roxbury, Massachusens, 1858; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edinburgh, 1880: Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse, humorous writer. Guildford, Surrey, 1881.

DEATHS: Antoine de la Mothe

Cadillac, soldier, founder of the

city of Detroit, Castel Sarrasen. France. 1730; Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, Soleure, Switzer-land, 1817; Gilbert & Becket, dramatist and comic writer. London, 1891; Dame Marie Tempest. actress, London, 1942; Raymond Poincaré, President of France 1913-20, Paris, 1934; Pierre Laval, head of Vichy government 1942-44, executed, Paris, 1945; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg, 1946; Cole Porter, song writer, California, 1964.

Alfred Dreyfus, a French officer, was arrested on a charge of treason, 1894. The airship Graf Zeppelin landed in New Jersey after its first transatlantic crossing from Germany, 1928.

Leonid Brezhnev replaced Nikita Chrushchev as Communist Part General Secretary in Russia, 1964.

Baron Alderdice

The life barony conferred upon Mr John Thomas Alderdice has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Alderdice, of Knock, in the City of Belfast.

Baron Paul

The life barony conferred upon Mr Swroj Paul has been gazetted by the name, style and fitle of Baron Paul, of Marylebone, in the City of Westminster.



ARTHUR McCULLAGH, who has surprised villagers in Wool, Dorset, by leaving £1.3 million in his will. Mr McCullagh, 78, who was known as Pat, lived in a "basic" three-bedroom bungalow. He died in June and was a widower with no children. Locals said that he used to walk around the village in Wellington boots, old overalls with the pockets torn off, a sack wrapped around him as an apron and a rope for a belt. He is thought to have inherited his

Dinners

Corporation of London

Alderman Sir Alan Traill. Lord Mayor locum tenens, and Lady

Traill, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, received the guests at a dinner given by the Corporation of London last night at the Mansion House to mark the

occasion of the visit of the Presi-

dent of Chile and Señora de Frei.

Mr Gay Kindersley, Chairman of the Saints and Sinners Club of

London, presided at the annual whitebalt dinner held last night at

the Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.
Among those present were:
Lord Hestorth, Lord Oaksey, Sir Marcus
Fox, MP, Mr Michael Atherion, Mr Kim
Balley, Miss Judith Chalmers and Mr
Jimmy Tarbuck.

Judge Henry Pownall. QC, and

Mrs Pownall were the guests of

nonour at the annual dinner of the

City of London Magistrates held

last night at Trinity House. Lady Cobb presided. Sir Brian and Lady

Jenkins, Mr and Mrs A.D. Cohen,

Mr and Mrs B.E. Toye and Miss

Janette Wright were among the

Sir Niel Cossons was the principal speaker at a talk dinner held last

night at the Athenaeum, Professor

Mr Gordon R. Jones, Senior

Partner, presided at a dinner to mark the 250th Anniversary of

Church Adams Tatham which was

held on Monday, October 14, 1996.

at Armoury House. Lord Bingham of Comhill, Lord Chief Justice, was

the Guest of Honour and proposed

Church Adams Tatham

the toast of the firm.

City of London Magistrates

Salais and Singery Club

Eccentric leaves £1.3m to charity

wealth from his mother and grandfather although he did own a caravan park. He bequeathed the bulk to four charities the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, the British Heart Foundation, Help the Aged and the Brook Hospital for

Animals - and £20,000 to his parish council. Alan Brown, a neighbour, said: "Years ago he injured himself and sewed four stitches in a gash over his eye rather than go to hospital. His wealth has come as a shock to people. They thought be was poverty-stricken. By the way he dressed most people thought he was a gardener." Rod Webb, the parish clerk, said: "We need a new sports pavilion. Perhaps we could build one and name it after him."

Receptions

Birthdays today

The Duchess of York celebrates her 37th birthday today.

Lampert, director, White-chap Art Gallery, 50; Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant,

Lord Ampthill, 75: Lord Baden-Powell, 60; Sir George Bishop, former chairman, Booker McConnell, 83; Mr Craig Chalmers, rugby player, 28: Sir Howard Colvin. architectural historian, 77; Professor J. K. Galbraith. economist, 88; Mr G. T. Goodall, former Headmaster, Exeter School, 67: Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 92: Mr Alan Jones, chief executive, BICC, 57; Miss Catherine

66: Baroness Perry of Southwark, 65; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 76; Professor Charles Rees, former President, Royal Society of Chemistry, 69; Mr George Sava, author and consulting surgeon, 93; Baroness Serota, 77: Mr Billy Smart, circus owner, 62; Mr David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, 52; Mr Justice Vinelott, 73; Sir Christopher Walford, former Lord Mayor of London, 61.

Church news

The Rev Philip Kearns, Assistant Curate, Winchmore Hill, St Paul (London): to be Vicar, North Shoebory, St Mary the Virgin

The Rev June Keliam, Assistant Chaplain to Central Sheffield Univer-sity Hospitals: to be Chaplain (full-time), to Central Sheffield University Hospitals (NHS Trust) and Sheffield Children's Hospital

The Rev Jean Kings, formerly Assistant Curate, All Saints', Fishponds to be Honorary Curate, All Saints', Fishponds (Bristol). The Rev Peter Mickiethwaite, Assistant Curate, Wisley w Pyrford: to be Rector, Windlesham (Guildford).

The Rev Philip Rowe, Vicar, Abbots Leigh Woods: to be Vicar, Almondsbury, and Priest-in-charge, Linten-on-Severn w Elberton

The Rev Paul Springate, Team Vicar Silety, Cossington and Seagrave (Leicester): to be Warden and Chap-lain, Harnhill Centre of Christian

Healing, Cirencester (Gloucester). The Rev John Haslam, Assistant Priest (NSM), St Mary, Moseley (Bir-

mingham): to retire October 14. Canon David Jackson, Vicar, St Andrew and St Mark, Surbiton: to retire October 13 and then be Chap-lain, St Michael's Convent. Ham (Southwark)

The Rev June Plummer, Hon Curate, Hanham (Brism): to retire January

Canon John Russell. Hon Canon of Soushwark Cathedral, and Vicar, St Luke, Battersea (Southwark): 10 retire December 31. The Rev Margery Simpson, Team Vicar, Yate Team Ministry (Bristol): to retire December 31.

Prime Minister The Prime Minister was the host at

a reception held yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Secretaries' and Assistants' Council of the House of Commons. Girls' Public Day School Trust Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, was

host last night at a reception at the House of Commons given by the Minerva Network for its members. Guests included headmistresses of Trust schools, members of the council of the Trust and Patrons of the Minerva Fund. The Minerva Network is open to all women educated at any of the 26 schools of the GPDST. For further details contact the Director, Alison Graham, at 26 Queen Arine's Gale, London, SWIII 9AN, Tel: 0171 227 4763. Fax: 017! 227 4798.

(The GPDST is a registered charity which exists for the education

Legal appointments Mr Roger Thomas Dution has been appointed a Circuit Judge,

assigned to the Wales and Chester

Mr Francis John Wilklason has been appointed a District Judge, assigned to the South Eastern

Stipendiary magistrates The following have been appointed Provincial Stipendiary Magistrates (England and Wales):

Mr David Vivien Manning-Davies (barrises) to sit in the South Wales and Gwent Commission areas, based at Prontypridd Magistrates' Court, and Mr Clive Spencer Wiles to sit in the Middlesex Commission area, based at Hendon Magistrates' Court.

Memorial services

Mrs M-A. Ladd Mrs M-A. Ladd
The Queen attended a service of
thanksgiving for the life of Mrs
Marie-Antoinette Ladd held yesterday in St Goorge's Chapet, Windsor Castle. The Prince of Wales was
represented by Sir John Riddell.
Princess Margaret and Princess
Alexandra were present.

Alexandra were present.
The Dean of Windsor officiated.
Mr Nicholas de Bellaigue, Mr Christopher de Bellaigue, Miss Christina
de Bellaigue and Miss Diana de nee neuropee and rouss Drana we Bellaigue, grandchildren, gave read-ings. Lord Windiesham gave an address. The Canons of Windsor were robed and in the Nave Sancaddress. The Canons of Windsor were nobed and in the Nawe Sanchuary. Among others present were Mr and Mrs Eric de Bellaigue and Sir Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue sons and Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue sons and Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue sons and Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue (Sons and Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue (Sons and Geoffrey Mrs Endy de Bellaigue (Sons and Geoffrey Mrs Hamilton Pollard, Mr Nicholas Crawiey, Baron and Baronne Bernard Anglejan Châillion, Mr Marlon Gilliam M and Mme Philippe Muñis, Comte Arnould d'Outremont, Comte Jesn-Francols d'Outremont, Court and Lady Comte Jesn-Francols d'Ambridge, Lady Dorect Prior Palmer, Lady Margaret Colville, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Karon Del Sir John Mard, the Hon Lady de Zulueta. Lady Lewithwalte. Lady Munray, Lady Villers, Sir Donald and Lady Logan, Mr and the Hon Mrs Pet Mitchell, Miss kim Actand, Mrs Pet Mitchell, Miss kim Actand, Mrs Pet Mitchell, Miss kim Actand, Mrs Donald and Mrs Toby Mailler Sir Mirme Manne, Marthew, Mr Michael Marchell Mrs Marthew, Mr Michael Marchelled, Colonel and Mrs David Sutherland, Dr Ronald Williams, Mrs D M Stanctow, the Rambald Mrs Hon Mrs Hon Franco.

Mme Kazuko Aso, DBE

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey and Princess Alexandra by Lady Moyra Campbell at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrne Kazuko Aso, DBE, held yesterday at the Church of the Immaculate Concernion. Earn Street late Conception, Farm Street.
Father Michael Beantle, SJ, offici-

ited. Mr Christopher Purvis and Mr Stmon Keswick gave readings. Str Michael Wilford and Mr John

Stonborough gave addresses.

The Ambassador of Japan and Mine Fujii attended and the Archishop of Westminster was represented by Carron Adrian Arrowsmith.

Mr Yutaka Aso (son). Mrs Yukiko
School (daughter). Ersther David Sohma (daughter), Father David Morland, OSB, and many friends from Japan and Britain w congregation. Mr Alfred Doubles

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Alfred John Farre Daulton. Head Master of Highgate School. 1935-1974, was held yesterday at St Michael's, Highgate. The Rev Paul

Knight officiated.
Mr Richard Kennedy, Head Master of Highgate School, introduced the service. Mr John Doulton, son. read the lesson. Mr Christopher Holmes-Smith and Mr John Coombs neit relinte. paid tribute. The school chair, conducted by Mr Michael Bowden, sand Beat 121

Michael Bowden, sang Psalm 121 and Mr John Ruiter's arrangement of God be in my Head. Mr John March. director of music at the school, played the organ voluntary: Bach's Prelude in E flat Major, BWV 572.

Birkenhead School

The following have been elected Vice-Presidents of Birkenhead

Professor Nevill Willmer, ScD, MA, FRS, Emerina Professor of Histology, Cambridge University, Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford: Air Chief Marshal St. John Alken, KCB. Director General di Inselligence, Ministry of Derence 1978-31; and M.J.A. Chillam, MA. Headmaster, Birkenheud School, 1963-86. Emeritus Vice-Presidents:

Mr W.T.C. Rankin. Bsc. former Headmaster of Junior School. Bittenhead School: Mr.N.L. Harpseves, MA. TD. Idramer Second Master. Britenhead School: and Mr. R.J. Speakman-Brown, FRICS, former Governor, Birtenhead School.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. Dyer and Miss N.J. Gillett The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Dyer, of North Petherton, Somerser, and Nicola, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gillett, of Guildford, Surrey and of Kuwait.

Mr C.B.M. Maclean-Bristol and Miss K.E. Rowland

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Major Nicholas and the Hon Mrs Maclean-Bristol, of Isle of Coll, Argyll, and Kim, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.S. Rowland, of Tarsfield, Surrey.

Sir Ian McLeod and Miss M.S. Palmer The engagement is announced between Sir Ian McLeod, JP, of Croydon, and Miss Margaret

Palmer, OBE, of Beckenham. Mr W.H. Parry and Miss V.J. Offord
The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Parry, of

Gosforth. Newastle and Lozier.
Swizerland, and Victoria, elder
daughter of Major and Mrs
Patrick Offord, of East Knoyle, Wiltshire.

Mr J.H. Posnett and Miss S. Wyman The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Sir Richard and Lady Posnett, of Churt, Surrey, and Stacey, daughter of Mr and Mrs Lance

Wyman, of New York. Mr J.E. Wyan and Miss R.J. Adam

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs E.H.E. Wyan, of Hove, East Sussex, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Adam. of Lilliesleaf, Roxburghshire.

Sir Anthony Parsons A Memorial Service for Sir.

Anthony Parsons will be held at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, on Monday, October 21, at 3.30pm.

Lord Killearn A Service of Thanksgiving for the

life and work of Lord Killeam will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Thursday, November 21. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 21. I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from November II.

Jim Andrew There will be a memorial service

for Jim Andrew, Clifton's cricket professional for 30 years, in Clifton Chapel on Friday, November 15, at 4.30pm. No tickets are required. Those who would like to contribute to a memorial fund are invited to send their contribution to D.C. Henderson at the school, making chettues payable to 'Jim Andrey Memorial Fund'.

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Gerald Darling, QC

A Memorial Service for Gerald Darling, QC, will be held on Thursday, November 21, 1996, a 5pm, in the Temple Church.

Welsh Livery Guild The following have been installed

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officers of the Welsh Livery Guild for the ensuing year.

Master, Mr T.A. Owen: Sentor Warden, Dr
D. Townsley-hughes: Junior Warden,
Brigadier R.E.L. Jenkins.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Jesus said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you and under-utand this: nothing that goes-iate a person from outside can defile him: no, it is the things that come out of a person that defile him. Mark 7: 14,15

BIRTHS

Camptell - On 11th Content 1996 at Simpsons, Roya Intirmary Edinburgh, to Judith (nie Pairclough) and Callum, a daughter, Chlou Margaret, 81bs See. CARRINGTOM - On 12th
October at The Portland
Rospital, to Elicabeth
Buchapas and Nigel
Carrington - a daughter
Isabella, a shree for Leo and
Ulliria.

CHICK - On October 11th at The Portland Hospital, to Jacquie (nee Ridley) and Murray - a daughter, Jenus Latherne.

CLEVERLY - On October 4th, to Annelli (née Baldwin) and David, a son, James John, DREWETT - On 8th October, to Cella (nee Wilkinson) and Robert, a daughter, Georgina Rachel Fourd, a sixter for

EDWARDS - On October 9th, to Ulicia (nee Browne) and Giles, a daughter, Emily Jill, a sister for Charlotte. FITZSIMONS - On October 10th to Caroline (nee Paine) and Stephen, a daughter, Lydia, a sister for Emfly. FRANCIS - On [1th October, to Victoria (nee Churchill) and Hugh, a son, Peter Geoffrey, Gillims - On 13th October in Berlin to Annegret and Christopher a son, Robert John

GLYMMS-JONES - On October 12th 1996, to Mary (nee Owen) wife of Morys Glymma-Jones, a son, Thomas Owen. HALL - On October 11th, to Aume (non Tytherleigh) and John, a son, Theo Thomas. HAMMOND - On October 10th to Susan (nee Williams-Walker) and Philip, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Alice, a sinter for Amy. JACOBS - Thomas and Caroline are proud to announce the birth of their son Oliver Jack on 5th October 1996, 6lbs 1702,

LAND) - On October 5th 1996, to Amanda (nee Dickson) and Marco Valerio, a daughter, Giulia luna.

LEASK - On October 11th, to Marica (pee Amopardi) and Timothy, a daughter Julia, a cister for Daniel and Wichelm

MAXWELL -M.B.E.

DEATHS

LBIDSELL - On October 12th 1996 to Henrietta (nee Gordon Lennox) and Michael, a son Arthur, in Tokyo, a brother for Albert-LBIDSAY - Cannan James Born at The Fortland Hospital on October 10th 1996 weighing Siba. A perfect son to jame and Desmond Lindsay.

MacDONALD - On October 13th 1996 in San Francisco, to Vivian (new Michana) and Ned. a son, a brother to Angus and Fona.

MACDOHALD SUCHAMANI - On October 14th, to Sheran and Alastair, two sons, James and Edward.

MARTIW - On October 7th, to Michaela and Douglas, a son, Charile Nicholan, a match awaited arrival.

avalted arrival.
PRATI - On October 12th
1996, to Sandra (see
Chulesworth) and Kevin, a
beautiful daughter, Laura
Amanda.

Amanda.

BUILESCE - On October 10th at The Fortland Hospital, to Sue (nee Forrante) and Brian, a son, Nathen Anthony, a brother for Andrew and Christopher.

SHELDS - On 13th October, to Nicki and Tom, a son, a brother for Fergus, Amy, Emma, jack, Hughir, Ivo and Fearlatt.

SHITH - On 77th September SMITH - On 27th September 1996, to Catherine and

1996, to Catherine and Bartholomew, a brother for Matthew, Milly and Thomas. Institute to Connect the Arthory Connect the The Fortland Hospital, to Sutanne and Mark, a tagging, Endy Lamoure, WAY-On October 9th 1996, to Ruth (nde Goodwin) and Aniony, a son, Henry Frederick Richard, a brother for Inospen. WEAVER - On October 7th, to Sophia (nde Suppriet) and Philip, a son, Mark Mathew, a brother for Eleanor and Kit. WKLSON - On October 10th, to Claire (niew Wintle) and Lucas, a daughter, Hannach Matthey.

DEATRS

MAJOR RONALD Suddenly on October 9th 1996, recently retired Fetham Barrach The funeral has taken place R.I.P.

ALDERBLEY - On 10th Gember 1996 at Moust Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Feter Aldersley late of Brook Street, London WI. Fameral at Golders Green Creens of the Control of the

GAA.

BETCHLEY - Lition Patricia, deanly loved wife of George Thomas, on October 12th 1996 after a long lineau brawist bome. She will be sadly missed and remembered by all her family and friends. Fineral Service at Leatherhead Crematorium, Surrey, on Thursday 17th October at 230 pm. Family flowers only places.

BLAKE - Margaret Brooke (Mings) of Narter Wanner, on 12th October 1996, peacefully at Ridgewood Manor Nursing Bone, Uckinski, in har 96th year. Widow of the late Major Genesis Ga Blake, ZAMC, hammand the late Major Genesis Ga Blake, ZAMC, hammand the late Major Genesis Ga Blake, ZAMC, hammand the late Major Genesis Ga Blake, ZAMC, hamily flowers only, Donations, if desired to the Royal British Legion.

Royal British Legion.

BLOW Douglas Edgar.
Beloved husband of Monica,
much loved father of Colin.
Barbars and Historia A done
father-in-law and
grandfather, sadly missed.
Passed away percofully at
home on October 11th 1996
in his 65th year. Funeral
Service at 3t Alphage
Church, Solthull wa Friday
October 18th at 2.30 pm
followed by crustation at
Robin Hood Crematorium
1.30 pm. Flowers to Thomas
Brogg & Soms, 662 Stratford
Road, Shirley, Solthull, 890

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2007HMANN - Thomas Hagge-peacefully at home on Saturdey 12th Ocrober after a long illness. Seloved husband of Mangaret, father of john and Cilve, and grandfeiber of James, Mark, Alexander, Harry and Georgina Private cremation, memorial service at St Laverstee Church, Paney on Wedseeday 22rd October at 12 noon. No flowers please, but donations if desired to St John's Ambulance Appeals Committee or Jersey Appeals Committee or Jersey Hospice Care, etc Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd. Funeral Directors, 59 Kensington Place, St Heller, Jersey. Tab. (01534) 33330.

Octiber in Brussels. Much leved wife of Roger and toother of Julian. Funeral service at the Abbaye Notre Dame de la Cambre, Brussels, at 21.20 am on Fhursday 17th October. Burish will take place at 26. Mary's Church, Westcote, Oxon, at 2 pm en Friday 18th October. Family Rowers only. Decentions if declared to the Imperial Cancer Research Institute, London.

BRETT-SASTH - Emest Henry aged 77 of Cookham, Burkshire, peacefully at Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury, on 17th October the a short library beared husband of Madee, much head had a funded of Philippe and lanes Gelfand, Funeral Service at Amanda and granded of Philippe and lanes Gelfand, Funeral Service at Amanda and granded of Philippe and lanes Gelfand, Funeral Service at Amanda and granded of Philippe and Lanes Countries of Philippe and Lanes Department of Matharine House Hospice and the Royal British Legion, Earl Hisp Fund Co Al. Sole & Son, Bidston, Over Norton, Out. Serv.

Df LUCA - Dr. Mario. On October 10th to Paris, aged 66. Peacefully after long illume before the paris, aged 66. Peacefully after long illume before the paris and father of Giovanni, Richael and Mario. President of Banque Generale du Commerce. Commenorative Mass Church S. Maria in Trastevers, Rome, on 19th October at 10 am. Rofinwars, Denutions to charity in destant.

BU WHEE - Lic Henry Edward died peacefully in horpital in Haddington on October 12th 1976, aged 83. Mechieved husband of the late Shella, dawn fether to Paul, Claire and the late Jane, grandfather to Michael, Sophie, Charles, From, Alice, Emily and Edward, Privan Grenation in Edinburgh, Thanksgiving Service in St. Coments Clutch, Sandwich, on Tuesday October 22nd at 12:30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Alabeiguer's Disease Society cio. J. Dinet Smith & Sea, Fusural Directors, Bascon Lane, Woodnesborough, S-adwich, Kent CTI GPD.

ELUOTY - On October 12th
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EVANS - Robertine (Time) of Floot, Ranca, formerty of Northgham and Suche, on October 11th aged 88 years.

Widow of Robert Holland Evans Little, mother of Penelope (Samwelson) and Crispin and devoted grandmother. Cometion of Aldershot, Hants, on 21st October at 230 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to a favourise charity of the giver may be sent if wished to HC. Proteck & Co., 86 Rant Street, Pumban, Survey GIP 7TF.

FORRESTER - has readdenly on 19th October 1996 in Teigsmouth, Devon. The luminal survice will be held at the Exeter and Devon Communication of Time In the Exeter and Devon Communication of Time In the Exeter and Devon Communication of Sci. Will & Son Found Directors, 22 Street Leven, (01626) 862426.

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KISBLEWHITE - On 11th October 1996 at Staplehunst Manor Bursing Home, Marjorie aged 91. Futeral Service to take place on Monday 21st October 1996 at 31 Mary's Church, Goudhurst, at 2.30 pm followed by interment in Goudhurst Cometery. No Howest please, Denntions if desired to the Salvation Army clo K.B. Sills, High Street, Crambrook. Tel: (01580) 712284.

RRESRY - Gine (non Dwyst).
On 12th October. All too soon. Loved by her husband litchard, children - Clairs and Tone, family and friends. Farewell gathering at Golders Gronn Cremitorium 4 pm 17th October. Flowers, or donations on Imperial Cancer Research.

LIDYS - Rose pencefully at home on October 13th, beloved mother of Julian, Carolyn and Victoria and adored grandmother and adored grandmother and adored grandmother and feloud to on mean; Pencel Service at The Chipel of St. Cross, Winchester on Friday October 18th at 11,30 am. Family flowers only. Denations, if wiched, to The Winchester Conser Research Trust of Royal Hamphire County Hospital Winchester.

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Argyll, on Friday 18th
October at 12 noon.

MILLS - Juanita died 7th Canada The world has been a bountiful woman. Your loving som Donnis and family in Au-ralia.

METCALFE - On October 13th pencofully at home of Transmere Park, Guiseley, Marion Ruth, dearly beloved wife of Authors and devoted mother of judith Benford and a loving grandmother of Elizabeth. A service of Ihanksgiring will be held at 3t Ownsid's Parish Church, Guiseley, West Forkshire on Monday October 21st at 11.30 am. Family flowers and please. Donorious may be made to the University of Loveds Institute of Cancer Medicine, 2t James University Hospiral, Beckett Street, Leefs LSP 71F.

Micholson: Berry Tyees (are Boult) on October 14th In York, aged 85. Widow of Feran, dearly loved mother and greadmother. Family flower only but donations for Leprusy Mission to be sant with carquiries to Peneral Director J. Rymer, York, (01904) 624320.

PARKER - Eric Thomas born 1727. On Occasion 10th 1774 after a long illness borne with courspoots and great fortivate, died pencatulty at his house in Bourseymouth. Fanova? Survice at Bourseymouth Commentum Thursday October 17th at 12 1000. Femoral Diseases are W. Saith & Sons, 639-645 Wimburne Hond. Boursementh, tale (01202) 528018.

1996 died at home in Uppingham. Ill much loved wife of Bill. Private wife of Bill. Private cremation were fee. No flower plants on it desired to Butland Macmillan Nurses Poud the E.M. Dorman Funcral Director, 10 Main Street, Edwards Uppingham, Little E.P., at (Direct will be held in Uppingham Parish Caurch on November 7th 1996 at 12 nom.

SHERMAN - Theodora, on 11th October 1994 at Wissbiedow, aged 93 years, widow of Lt. Col. A.M. Sheridan, O.E., FRCS, IMS (retired), mother of Partick and the inte john and grandssother of Marc and the late Pierre. Regulam Hans at 92 Thomas Against R.C. Church, Wast Council, Richmond, Jarrey on Piday 18th October at 11 am.

SMITH-Patten (Paddy) Bridge, most beloved husband of Marion and father of Patrick, Robert and Patters. He died on October 12th peacefully at home. Funeral at Gullidford Crematorium on Friday 18th October at tipm. The Phyllis Tolcavell Memorial House at Farsham would much welcome donations.

RCS, on 10th October 1996, aged 84 years pencefully after a long illness. Much lowed husband of John and father of Peter. Will be sadly missed by daughter-in-law See and grandsons Nicholas and Andrew. Formerly President of The British Dantal Association, Peneral on Friday 18th October at 1.46 pm at St Martin's Parish Church, Epsom. Family flowers only but denations if desired to the BDA Sunevolent Fund, 64 Wimpole Street, London WIM SAL.

SYMES-THOMPSON - George Kempthorne, formerly of Finmere House, Firmere, Bucks, us 10th October, peptefully at Purley Park. Pursual service and burish to be held at Finners Church on Tousday, 22sd October at 12 noon, Flowers to Heritage à Sons, Undertakers, 1A, Bristle Hill, Buckingham, MK18 12Z, 7sl. (01280) 813188.

THOMPSON- On 12th October, Barbara Halon Mary Aston Thompson, after a long lines, in her 90th year. Adord wife for nearly 62 years of Rear-Admiral LY. Thompson and mother of Richard and Martin. The funeral will be held at \$t john the Spotist's Church, Monistond, Once on Monday, 21st October at 3 pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to Friends of the Eldsrig, 42 Ebery Street, London SWI.

THOROUGHEOOD - Bert, died peacefully after a lang filmes as 13th October aged 32. Loving hysband of Denothy for 57 years, wonderful father of James and Suena, greatly loved grandchildren. Fanarai Service at Coney Hill Reptist Church, 2 pm, 18th October, Family flowers cally. Denations to Shaftenbury Society and details of imaged to W. Uden & Som Lid. (01689) 827291.

WATERMAN - Dom Maurice Waterman, Benedictine monk, at Kite Hill Nursing Home on 13th October, aged 90. Funeral at Quarr Abbey, Wednesday 16th October at 100 10 am. **MEMORIAL SERVICES**

DEARMER - Geoffrey. Requiem Encharist St Mary's Primrose Hill, November 21st at noon 21st at noon.
MUNRO KERR - A Memorial
Service for Duneau Munro
Kerr will be held at 5 pm
Monday October 28th 1996
at The Temple Church,
London ED4. IN MEMORIAM ---PRIVATE POPE - In ever leving memory of Bryan who died on 15th October 1995. Ferever Pat.

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Henri Nannen, German journalist and art collector, died on October 13 aged 82. He was born on December 25, 1913.

or more than 30 years Henri Nannen was me of the most powerful men in European journalism. As editor-in-chief of the German magazine Stern, which he founded in Hanover in 1948, he created the supreme example of a glossy, general-interest weekly, each issue a brashly enticing lucky dip of frothy features and serious news. It was a potent formula, much copied. and it brought Namen wealth and influence. But Stern's glory days, and the great career of the man known as "Sir Henri", came to a dismal end in 1983, with the flasco of the forged Huter diaries.

Number was not directly responsible for the forgeries. publication. He had retired as editor three years before Stern (together with The Sunday Timest was so speciacularly duped by its own reporter Gerd Fleidemann and has accomplice, the forger Konrad Kujau But he had remained influential as the magazine's publisher and eminence grice. and he accepted his full share of the blame. When the editors who had presided over the scandal resigned, Nannen stepped in to replace them. and it was he who wrote the editurial apologising to the magazine's 1,000,000 readers.

He had, in fact, opposed publication all along, but his doubts concerned only the way the material was being presented. He felt that "the journalistic coup of the postwar era" demanded more comment and historical context. As it turned out, he was right. But Nannen, like everybody else involved in the decision to pay millions of deutschmarks for a collection of crude fabrications, had never doubted that

the diaries were authentic; if only hermose he, like most of the others, had never actually leaded at them too closely. The furce of the bogus

diaries was in some ways a consequence of Stern's earlier triumphs. Nannen had always edited by instinct; and his parmalistic instincts were ruthless. In its very early years, Stern's aggressive reporting led more than once to trouble with the Albed occupying authorities; then, as intoughout the three decades of Nannen's editorship, the magazine was as likely to make news as to report it. Sensationalism was never far away, but it was a policy that paid dividends in advertising and circulation. It gave Stern both the confidence and the each to bring off its most catastrophic coup.

Henri Nannen was born in Emden in northern Germany. His father was a policeman and sometime social democratic atuncillor, later dismissed without a pension by the Naziv. After attending the local Gynnasium, Nannen worked briefly as an agricultural labourer and did a oneyear apprenticeship as a bookseller, before studying history of art at Munich University in 1934. His interest in art remained with him, and he was to build up one of Germany's most important collections of 20th-century

Until the outbreak of war, he worked on art magazines in Munich, including one called Die Kunst im Dritten Reich (Art in the Third Reich); some of his articles there showed a positive attitude to the Nazi regime that was to be held against him in years to come, but he was not a party member, and he eventually lost his job after reviewing a book on Rembrandt by a Jewish author. During the war he served in the Luftwaffe. though there were later accu-

HENRI NANNEN

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sations that he had, in fact, been a member of a Wallen SS propaganda unit.

His wartime record appears to have satisfied the occupying authorities, however, and in 1946 he was awarded the first newspaper licence in Lower Saxony. There, in Hanover, he edited two papers, and founded a magazine for young people called Zickzack. It was this that he turned into Stern. The first edition of the new

weekly was published on August I, 1948. It soon had the highest print run of any magazine in continental Europe. Its aim. Nannen said, was to stand up for the individual in an age of increasing corporatism and regimentation. That policy put the Cold

War at the centre of Stern's concerns. In 1958 Nannen

power and nimble ship-

handling. Casualties were

Coastal Forces men.

publicly offered to run uncut urticles by East German reporters, if the GDR's Communist regime would reciprocate by printing uncensored material from the West; the offer was not taken up. More seriously, he combined a belief in closer relations with Eastern Europe with an unwavering concern for human rights. This made him a close ally of the Social Democratic regime

of Chancellor Willy Brandt

when Brandt signed treaties in

Moscow and Warsaw, Nan-

nen was at his side.

Nannen turned Stern's in-Ruence to good effect on the wider world stage, too, launching an Ethiopian appeal in 1973 which raised some DM22 million in a matter of weeks. But some of the other occasions on which the magazine

After his initial training,

Dixon was appointed in 1942

as an RNVR officer to HMS

Beehive, the Coastal Forces

base at Felixstowe where he

was soon to be put in com-

His first DSC was won in a

spirited night action off Cher-

itself made headlines were less edifying, In 1962 it offered a large reward for the return of a valuable stolen painting,

promising not to report the thieves to the police; the ploy worked, to widespread disapproval. In 1975 Stern was criticised for printing a tran-script of a bugged telephone call by Helmut Kohl. And in 1978 Nannen was taken to court by a group of feminists. protesting that his magazine's endless parade of bonoms and breasts degraded women; he responded by passing nude pictures of two of the protesters round the courtroom.

Nannen had sold his financial interest in Stern to various publishing partners very early on, but he was well enough rewarded during his years as editor to be able to build up an

impressive collection of art. with particular emphasis on German Expressionism and Neue Sachlichkeit. He amassed a fine array of

works by such artists as Beckmann, Kokoschka, Nolde and Kirchner, and, when he finally gave up his involvement in Stern amid the strife and recrimination that formed the bitter aftermath of the diaries affair, he concentrated on his plan to present his collection to his home town of Emden, and to build a new museum to house it. The Emden Kunsthalle was opened in October 1986. Illness prevented Nannen from attending its tenth anniversary celebrations.

Henri Nannen is survived

by his third wife. Eske, and by

PROFESSOR TOM AP REES

Tom ap Rees, Professor of Botany and Head of the Department of Plant Sciences University of Cambridge, was killed in a cycling accident on October 3 aged 65. He was born on October 19, 1930.

GENERATIONS of Cambridge cell biologists will remember Tom ap Rees's unique style of lecturing. With half an eye to student ratings, the average don in a woolly pullover today jokes his way through the anecdoral hour, matily sharing the fruits of his intellect with a relaxed audierror which knows that anything of any importance that he is saying is in the wedge of notes supplied.

Immaculate in starched collar, ap Rees would launch fusillades of fierce admonishment, uncornoromisinaly laying down the black and white of wrong and right Like an Old Testament prophet, he species with unter conviction. and a severity of tone that instilled in his undergraduate listeners a profound respect. Surprisingly, his lectures were still among the most popular. He had the gift of rendering down the mazey complexities of metabolic pathways and their intricate webwork of mutual interaction to the stark

clarity and so accessible to all. More important, he espoused a philosophy of experi-mental science that many students found so compelling that they adopted it, working in his laboratory on research into plant metabolism for a PhD that would launch their own careers. Thomas ap Rees, as he was

essentials, expressed with firm

christened, was educated at Llandovery College and, after National Service with the Royal Corps of Signals, in which he was commissioned, read Botany at Lincoln College. Oxford. He went on to study for his DPhil at Oxford under J. L. Harley, researching the physiology of beech root mycorrhiza. After a year and a half of post-doctoral research at Purdue University, Indi-ana, he was appointed to a lectureship in mycology at the University of Sydney in 1959. He taught there for a year before taking a post with the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in Sydney as a senior research officer.

In 1964 ap Rees was appointed to a lectureship in Cambridge, at least partly on the strength of reports filtering back from Australia of the brilliant young teacher. Although renowned for lecturing, as an experimental scientist he also laid great stress on the importance of teaching practical skills, making his Cambridge debut with an ambitious series of classes in biochemistry for first year cell biologists. In 1965 he was elected a Fellow of Gonville and Caius College, the start of

a lifelong association.

In spite of its towering importance for the lives of

of plants has never enjoyed the glamour or the funding of other aspects of biology, form ap Rees fought to redress this imbalance as a member of the Science and Engineering Research Council's committee on plant science and nucrobiology, of which he was chairman from 1985 to 1987, and again on the plant and microbial sciences committee of the Biotechnology and Biological Research Council, which he chained from 1994.

In 1991 he was appointed to the chair of Botany at Cambridge and became Head of Department. He proved to be extraordinarily dynamic and successful administrator. eager to take up the cudgels on behalf of any and all members of the department and energetically pressing its cause Within the university. All over the country, university departments of botany have been merged with other departments and in many cases sunk without trace. The justification was usually the emergence within biology of new disciplines - biochemistry, cell biology and genetics - that appeared to run across the old divide between plants and animals.

It was ap Rees's vision that molecular genetics, especially the new technology of genetic transformation for which plants are well suited, would revitalise the old subject of plant physiology: and he foresaw that it was essential to keep together all the branches of botany under one roof if we were to make proper use of mutants and transgenic plants as experimental organisms. His own research, on the metabolic exchanges between plastids and the rest of the cell. for instance, had always pointed up the uniqueness of plants and he was quick to adopt transgenics for testing the function of enzymes in the control of metabolism.

In October 1995 he took on the acting directorship of the Cambridge Botanic Garden, then under threat, and played a large part in securing its future. In his own large garden, a former orchard, he ingeniously trained roses over old apple trees and tended all his own vegetables.

Partly thanks to his membership of the council of the Senate of the university, on which he worked tirelessly in the interests of biology, his administrative workload was extraordinarily heavy. Astonishingly, though, he still managed to stay accessible to his staff and the large number of research students whom he supervised. Even his relaxation was arduous. Every summer vacation he would tackle a punishing schedule of alpine peaks. It was his particular joy, wherever he might be, to discover a railway journey to a mountain and then climb it. He kept fit in Cambridge by cycling every day the long road out from his village to work. It was on his return journey home that he was killed.

He is survived by his wife. Wendy, and their three sons.



LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER DUDLEY DIXON

No 450.

Lieutenant-Commander Dudley Dixon, DSC and two Bars, MBE, home secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, 1947-82, died on October 1 aged 80. He was born on August 30, 1916.

DUDLEY DIXON was one of the gallant band of men who, during the Second World War, crewed the fast and lightlybuilt motor torpedo boats and motor gunboats of Coastal Forces during the many savnight, in the narrow waters of the Channel and North Sea. Stealth and tactical skill often led to contact at very short ranges with enemy convoys and their escorting E-boats or destroyers.

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bourg on May 11, 1944, some three weeks before D-Day. Wounded in the leg, he was back in action by the time the invasion began, although still walking with a pronounced limp. As the artist and naturalist Peter Scott - then serving as a lieutenant-commander - was later to write, it would have taken more than a limp to keep Dixon out of the fighting.

high but the successes of the Constantly in action off the Cherbourg peninsula, Dixon's actions were illustrated by the many decorations awarded to flotilla was in the thick of the

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most dramatic and successful period of Coastal Forces' operations - a week at the end of August 1944 -- when the Germans were trying to reinforce and then evacuate Le Havre by sea as well as interrupt the logistic support of the invasion forces. One particular action began

with Dixon's group of three MTB's chasing three E-boats until they joined a convoy off Fécamp. Moving in to attack the convoy, he found three coasters about 400 yards off shore, strongly escorted by E-boats. Under the bright glare of starshells and constant fire from shore batteries, he set one coaster on fire and damaged an E-boat. Under cover of this diversion the French destroyer La Combattante was able to creep in and sink two further ships and an Eboat. The convoy turned back but was wiped out by further

MTB attacks. Two nights later Dixon was again co-operating with La Combattante when the final remnant of German shipping sailed from Le Havre, having mined the harbour. It was attacked by Dixon with three MTBs who sank two coasters while the destroyer set another on fire and damaged a fourth. The remaining ships dodged

into Fecamp. Dixon was awarded his second DSC. As the Allies advanced, Dixon's group moved from Portsmouth to Dover and then back to their home port at Felixstowe. His final DSC was earned when, on the night of April 7, 1945, his two MTBs were guided by the radar of the frigate Thornborough to the vicinity of a group of Eboats. In a surprise attack, two E-boats were sunk. Dixon and his crew appropriated some superior German lifejackets and afterwards, to the mild annoyance of the authorities,

used to wear them. On May 13, 1945, Dixon was

present at the final dignified surrender ceremony between E-boat and Coastal Forces leaders when the British escorted the E-boats from a rendezvous at sea to Felixstowe. He retired in 1946 as a temporary acting lieutenantcommander.

The son of a Nottingham parson, John Dudley Dixon trained as a solicitor. He was a keen musician and played the maximba (a type of xylophone) in Jack Hylton's band in the late 1930s as well as solo pieces for the BBC. Shortly after the war he

became the home secretary of

the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, a High Church Anglican missionary society founded in 1701 and merged with the Universities' Mission to Central Africa as the USPG in 1965. He coordinated interest in and fundraising for the society throughout the UK and, with his lawyer's training, acted as the guardian of the society's constitution. He earned a fine reputation for his application and polite pursuasiveness and was appointed MBE for this work in

His musical talents surfaced again with an enthusiasm for the cimbalum, a form of xylophone played by Hungarian gypsies and for which there is no music written. He used to make trips to Budapest, and after 1956, to Amster-dam and The Hague to play with gypsy bands of the diaspora. Indeed, during the Soviet invasion of Hungary. his north London house was home to an entire Hungarian gypsy band.

Dixon was also a great enthusiast for Lagonda motor cars and, until recently, himself owned a fine specimen. His first wife Gladys died in 1985. He is survived by his

second wife. Francesca, whom he married in 1987. There were no children.

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(By Sir Napier Shaw, F.R.S)

The weather of the British Isles in the year

which has now run through three of its four quarters has been remarkable for its drought, its abundant sunshine, and its exceptional warmth. It is the more remarkable because the exceptional dryness, sunshine, and warmth have been continued half-way through the month which a great artist pictured as "chill October" and which on the average of a long series of years is the wettest month of the year in the south-east of England. Our expectation of rain in October is 85mm or 3.46in., as compared with 52mm, or just over 2in. in March. This year we were short of rain for March, and it seems probable that we may be still shorter for October. The drought has been so exceptional and prolonged in this particular region that we have approached the conditions of the semi-arid districts of the world, where the normal annual rainfall is between 10in., or 250mm., the irreducible minimum for crops. and the more or less comfortable 20in. In such semi-arid districts the variation from year to year anributable to ordinary meteorological causes makes all the difference between

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"It seldom rained, sometimes it threatened to rain, and, after almost promising to do so. cleared up ... Some aspects of the present summer seem to bear a strong resemblance to the weather of 75 years ago

famine and plenty. Such are the vagaries which the revolving suns produce. Not even over the British Isles has the drought been uniformly severe. The Meteorological Office keeps the public memory of the weather for us, and I have extracted the figures about the rainfall in England, South-east (the counties south of the Thames as far west as Dorset). Ireland, South, and Scotland, North of the Caledonian Canal, including the islands. The figures show that all districts begin with an excess rainfall. Scotland, North, kept up an excess all through and finished September with 38mm (an inch and a half) to the good. Ireland. South, got on to the negative side first

week in July: then it made up more than half its loss, while the English loss went on growing, and at the end of September Ireland. South, was Himm, short, whereas England was down to the extent of 221mm. The loss of 221mm, is a serious matter; it is not far short of half of our expectation of rainfall, Solmm. The experience has demonstrated that we cannot well get on with only half our normal rainfall. and should make us consider what we are prepared for in the way of drought; a little further push in that direction this year would have been disastrous. Every one is curious to know the reason for this exceptional behaviour of the weather in the south-east of England. It seldom rained, sometimes it threatened to rain, and after almost promising to do so cleared up; and when it did actually rain, when past experience would have jusufied an expectation of violent thunderstorms and a prolonged spell of rain, it rained comparatively little and cleared up much sooner than we expected or even wished. It seemed as though the usual forces had lost control and the weather needed, and indeed would be the better for, the guiding hand of man. The offer to take over the control was made but not

and kept it up with practically the same deficit as England, S.E., about 160mm, to the third

Mean Machine makes up ground on leading team



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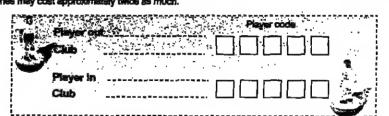
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THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Speaker urges full sleaze inquiry

■ The Speaker increased pressure on the Government over the cash-for-questions affair by demanding a full and speedy investigation into "very serious" allegations made over the past three weeks.

Betty Boothroyd's intervention on the Commons' first day after the summer recess means that the parliamentary watchdog is likely to get more staff and other resources for a wideranging inquiry over several monthsPages 1, 2, 11, 20, 21

Mowlam pleads with jailed terrorists

Mo Mowlam, the Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, tried to shore up the loyalist ceasefire by meeting 12 Protestant paramilitary inmates at Maze prison. They told her that their ceasefire would be maintained only if London and Dublin clamped down on the IRA ..

Cullen eschews ban

stepped back from calling for a total ban on handguns in his report on the Dunblane massacre, which has been delivered to the Government Page 1

Global cooling

A sharp cooling of the planet occurred this year, reversing the warming trend that began in the early 1980s. Meteorological Office scientists said.....

Backing for Birt

John Birt's shake-up of the BBC World Service was broadly endorsed by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, in the face of widespread criticism of the ..Page 2 reforms

Drug test failed

Mark Tout, Britain's Olympic bobsleigh driver, has been banned from the sport for life after testing positive for anabolic ...Page 3

Promotion doubts

The second most senior officer in the Army could be beaten to its top post of Chief of the General Staff in a string of Defence Ministry appointments Page 4

Merson on his own

The footballer Paul Merson and his wife disclosed that their sixyear marriage had collapsed under the strain of his recovery from addictions to drinks, drugs and gamblingPage 5

Mercy killer freed

Lord Cullen is believed to have A man who killed his brother to end his suffering from a degenerative illness walked free from court after his case was described as exceptionalPage 8

Block on diabetic

A diabetic man has been refused permission to emigrate with his family to Australia because he may impose too heavy a burden on the country's health

'Le Trib' cuts costs

The International Herald Tribune, the American newspaper which first began publishing in Paris more than 100 years ago, may soon be driven back to the United States by high costs in France

Anti-EU vote

A group fiercely opposed to European integration made the strongest gains in Austria's European Parliament elections Page 13 Clinton fallout

Two of President Clinton's top advisers. George Stephanopoulos and Defence Secretary William Perry, disclosed that they may not serve in a second Clinton Administration Page 16

Warlords target Kabul

Forces opposing Taleban met in the strategic Salang Pass to discuss moving south to capture Kabul, the Afghan capital, from the Islamic militia Page 17

Muddy voyage through time

■ A boat enthusiast who. 21 years ago, dug out a derelict Victorian yacht from the mud of an Essex estuary with his bare hands has been told that the vessel could now be worth more than £1 million. Edward VII and the future George V are believed to have been among those who were entertained on board the Sorceress. Page 7



Seeing spots: part of the ready-to-wear collection by the Japanese designer Junko Koshino on the catwalk in Paris yesterday

BUSINESS

Euro conflict: Kenneth Clarke put Britain at odds with Germany and many other EU members over single currency plans....

Bounce back: Stephen Hinchliffe. whose collapsed Facia empire is being investigated by the Serious Fraud Office, is using a £50 million German shoe chain to fund a possible return to the business ...Page 27

Economy: Encouraging figures on industrial costs and prices helped the stock market to hit another record high... ..Page 27

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 11.9 to close at 4040.0. Sterling's tradeweighted index rose from 87.8 to 88.0 after a rise from \$1.5757 to \$1.5795 and from DM2.4124 to DM2.4158.. ... Page 30

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Academicals prop for four years for serious foul play. The player may face criminal charges...... Page 47 Football: Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been charged

with misconduct by the FA for his

offensive salute to Tottenham Hotspur supportersPage 52 Motor racing: Damon Hill, the 1996 Formula One champion, has been riding on the Bullet Train between Nagoya and Tokyo, cele-

joined him Racing: The Derby is to have a supplementary entry stage for the first rime in its 216-year history, to ensure participation of the best

TOMORROW -

IN THE TIMES

Iain R. Webb, fashion

journalist of the year,

on his impressions of

the Paris catwalks

■ FASHION

brating his title victory. Oliver Holt

ARTS

Oxford honours: After a £4 million lottery-funded facelift and several narrow escapes, the Oxford Playhouse is to reopen tomorrow with a world premiere ..

Classical choice: The weekly guide to building a record library looks at Wagner's Parsifal, and Karajan takes the honours with the Berlin Page 37 Philharmonic

Rubens in the country: The National Gallery shifts its focus from fat ladies to Rubens's stunning landscapes in an important new exhibition... ...Page 37

Power struggle: For once the sopranos take a back seat as servant and master assume command in Glyndebourne's touring production of Mozart's Marriage of

New Supreme Court? Are the Lords of Appeal in Ordinary (their

autobiography....

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FEATURES

Don't look back: Pamella Bordes

and Andrew Neil, former Editor of

The Sunday Times, were lovers in

1989. She feels no fondness for his

The Second Sex? In day two: did

men need to think of women as

weak in order to feel strong? Mau-

reen Freely on results of feminism;

Giles Coren on manliness: Lotte

Hughes on warriors Page 19

THE PAPER STATE

cial lawyers

Joerg Haider, with his ultranationalism and his sneering approach to European integration, has achieved a better result in the Austrian elections to the European Parliament than even he could have hoped for ... His steady electoral progression, with its basis in hostility to a Europe directed from Brussels, should give cause for thought to

TV LISTINGS

Preview: The heroin trail is followed from poppy fields to the streets of Britain in Network First (ITV, 10.40pm). Review: Lynne Truss on the perfect formula of Vets' School...

OPINION ...

Powers and procedures

A truly Tory Government should accept that the institution of Parliament is more important than any of is current tenants Page 21

Family first

The best test of Tony Blair's speech on family values will be to see who disagrees with itPage 21 Austrian anxieties

Europe's politicians who have so blithely sown the wind of monetary union are now reaping the whirlwind..... ... Page 2!

COLUMNS LIBBY PURVES

Unless we restore trust in one another and in the professions, the outlook is grim. We will all chase so many facts that we lose our

grip and enter a dark age of

ALAN CLARK

rumour

Chamberlain had the advantage of a far larger majority than Mr Major. Dissidents were fewer in number; nor were they popular, many of them, even in their own constituencies. Yet in the end, the pressures on Chamberlain were such that he had to enter a series of pacts and regional alliances that were impractical and dangerous... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

The Tories are correct that British public life is not particularly corrupt, or "sleazy", by international standards, but that is precisely why there now needs to be the fullest possible investigation Page 11

OBITUARIES

Henri Nannen, journalist and art collector: Lieutenant-Commander Dudley Dixon, former home secretary of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel; Professor Tom ap Rees. Professor of Botany and head of the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge.....

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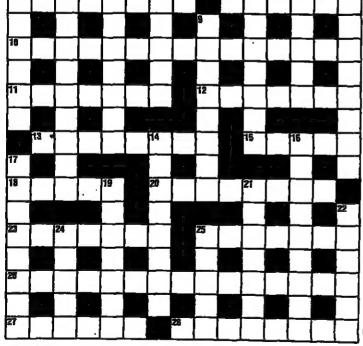
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- do thus as promised (7.3,5).

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- 12 Escaping charge, possibly, for unauthorised disclosure (7).
- 13 Soldier escorting sweetheart in dance (S).
- 15 Bovine of inferior quality (5). 18 The verse Frost recited (5).
- 20 Roguish as Conservative in mass meeting (8).
- 23 Criterion, perhaps, for scene of
- 25 Adopt half of them and provide support (7).
- 26 Cling to remore possibility, putting novelist's family in conflict (4.7.4).

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- DISSENTER

- 27 Seek ways to make appointments 28 Bitter fot almost destroyed book
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- Perform notes framed by French composer in a melancholy manner (9).
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- low for a rise (8).
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PROPERTY How to live like a lord: Rachel Kelly on renting historic homes TIMES WEATHERCALL

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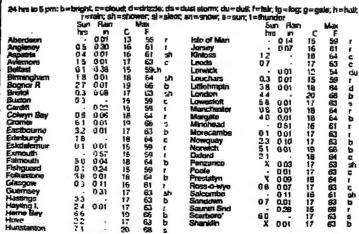
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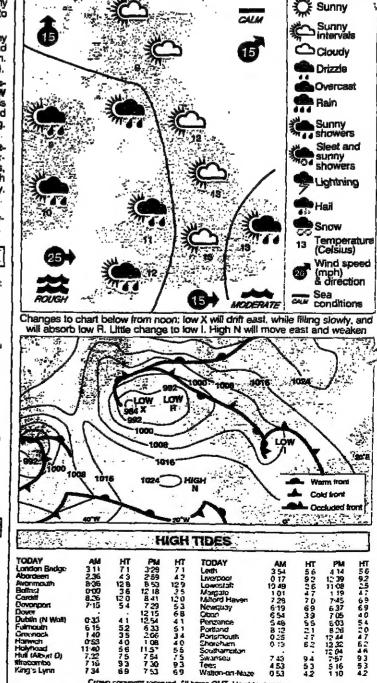
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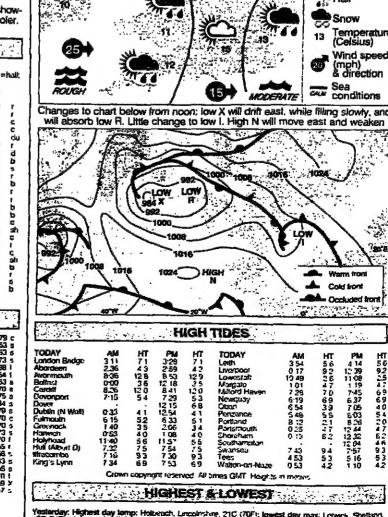


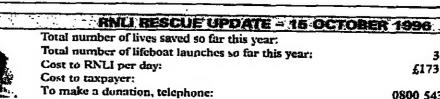
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